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Army's new fitness test gets workout

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Army officials are evaluating potential adjustments to the service's new fitness assessment that could make grading simpler as the service begins field testing the Army Combat Fitness Test this month at 63 battalions.

The Army has yet to officially determine the standards soldiers must meet to pass the new, six-event evaluation set to become its physical fitness test in October 2020, officials with the Army's Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis said Tuesday during a demonstration of the new test.

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Staff Sgt. Brandon Powell carries 40-pound kettle bells during the sprint-drag-carry event, one of six parts of the Army Combat Fitness Test, during a demonstration Tuesday at Fort Eustis in Virginia.

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Bombs sent to Obama, Clinton

No injuries as devices target Democrats, CNN

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Crude pipe bombs targeting Hillary Clinton, former President Barack Obama, CNN and others were intercepted Tuesday night and Wednesday in a rash of attacks aimed at prominent Democrats.

The FBI said Florida Rep. Deborah Wasserman Schultz received a package, possibly addressed incorrectly, and then sent to her as the return addressee. A similar device was found Monday at the New York compound of liberal billionaire George Soros, a major contributor to Democratic causes.

There were no explosions and no reports of injuries.

The bombs were intercepted two weeks before nationwide elections that could reshape Congress and serve as a referendum on the first two years of Donald Trump's presidency. The events quickly overtook other campaign news in an already tense political season, which has included pitched fights over immigration, the Supreme Court and sexual violence against women.

The White House quickly condemned the attacks aimed at Democrats and perceived foes of the administration. Republican Vice President Mike Pence said they "have no place in this country," and Trump tweeted, "I agree wholeheartedly."

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MILITARY

Report: PCS resources not always effective

By BRIAN FERGUSON
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Servicemembers and families have enough existing resources available for permanent change of station moves but their effectiveness is questionable, according to a recent report.

The Rand Corp. report released this month analyzed the impact of moves on military families, concluding there were no obvious gaps in policies and programs.

However, the report recommended that the military increase notice to servicemembers prior to a move, get moving logistics started earlier and better coordinate the systems that handle assignments and PCS moves.

Resources available to military families range from move, mil, for scheduling household goods moves, to military and family readiness centers, which handle youth programs, financial counseling and relocation assistance. The online Military OneSource can also help find the right programs.

How well the resources named in the study work remains unknown, as well as why some resources were used and others were not.

"We do not yet know the effectiveness of the existing resources in alleviating PCS-related disruptions," the report stated. "Therefore, we recommend that future research be pursued to better understand the effectiveness of different access points to these services ... and to determine why families choose to participate in programs," the report stated.

Finding the programs and services when moving did not seem to be a problem, as service-



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Movers last year prepare to take household goods into one of the 56 new homes that were built in the South Post Housing at Fort McCoy, Wis.

members and families reported getting information through face-to-face contact, websites, call centers and social media. The Rand report also stressed the importance of gathering information first before changing a policy.

"A change to solve one potential disruption could impact another disruption," the report stated. "For example, to minimize school disruptions, PCS moves could be primarily scheduled during summer breaks. However, the peak season for moves is the summer, and scheduling more PCS moves during that time could potentially increase the difficulty that has

already been documented surrounding finding available movers," the report stated.

The study, ordered by Congress as part of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, required the secretary of defense to submit a report to the Senate and House Armed Services Committees discussing actions taken by the Defense Department to enhance stability for families going through a PCS move.

The report comes on the heels of a change.org petition to President Donald Trump and 31 other elected officials to hold military moving companies accountable

for lost or broken items.

The petition, now with more than 100,000 signatures, was started by the blog Military Spouse Chronicles in August and describes moving horrors.

"Boxes will be unloaded smashed and torn, furniture will come off broken in multiple pieces, and other items will just go missing," the petition states.

The petition was read, and earlier this month a letter was drafted to U.S. Transportation Command by four senators.

"It is imperative that there is greater transparency in the process from beginning to end," the letter stated.

The top four frequently mentioned negative aspects of PCS moves in the report were needs related to having someone in the Exceptional Family Member Program, spouse employment problems, children and school disruption, and family stability and cohesiveness.

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First Lt. Kathryn Bailey, a Black Hawk pilot with the 25th Infantry Division, supervises the delivery and unpacking of her household.

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Soldier charged after girl's disappearance

NEW BERN, N.C. — Investigators worked quickly to track down a Fort Bragg soldier and a 12-year-old girl he had been communicating with online after she disappeared from her grandmother's home overnight, a North Carolina sheriff said.

The girl's grandmother woke up Sunday morning to discover the girl was gone, and she found a ransom note on the girl's bed and her window open, the Craven County Sheriff's Office said in a statement Monday. The girl was found Sunday afternoon at Fort Bragg, more than two hours away by car, with James Peele, 19, of Chesterfield, S.C., officials said.

Investigators began looking at Peele because the two were Facebook friends, said Capt. John Whitfield. Peele is charged with statutory rape and burglary and will likely face a kidnapping charge, Sheriff Jerry Monette said at a news conference.

Lt. Col. Mike Burns, of the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, confirmed that Peele was a private but didn't have further details.

Army Women's Museum to reopen after upgrade

FORT LEE, Va. — The U.S. Army Women's Museum is set to reopen after a \$3 million expansion and renovation.

A grand reopening ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 2. A remembrance garden will be rededicated the same day.

The project more than doubled the exhibit space, from 5,000 square feet to 11,000 square feet. It also added five teaching galleries representing women's contributions dating to 1775.

The museum art gallery will feature an exhibition of the work of Sgt. Ann Tilson, a World War II Army artist.

Also opening is "The Voices Project" exhibit. That consists of reflections from 12 female active-duty, Army Reserve and Army National Guard general officers as well as Army Senior Executive Service civilians.

Man admits taking bribes for base work

NEWARK, N.J. — A Pennsylvania man has admitted taking bribes in a scheme involving construction projects at two New Jersey military bases.

Kevin Leondi, 57, of Stroudsburg, Pa., pleaded guilty Monday to two conspiracy counts. He faces up to 10 years in prison when he's sentenced Jan. 30.

Federal prosecutors say Leondi solicited and accepted more than \$150,000 in bribes in the form of cash, the sale of unneeded equipment and work performed at his personal property.

Leondi was employed by the Army as a contract specialist and served as liaison with contractors seeking work at Picatinny Arsenal and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey.

From The Associated Press

Allies to meet over US plan to leave treaty

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — NATO ambassadors will meet later this week to discuss the U.S. plan to leave a key nuclear treaty with Russia, a move that has met with mixed reactions from members of the 29-nation military pact.

On Wednesday, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the U.S. decision to quit the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty was understandable in light of Russia's violations of the pact.

"The problem is no treaty can be effective and work if it is only

accepted by one part," Stoltenberg said.

At issue is Russia's new 9M729 ground-launched missile, which the U.S. says violates the ban on all ground-launched intermediate-range cruise and ballistic missiles. Moscow, however, has denied the accusations. So far, the U.S. has not provided any public documentation of the violations or shown where the weapons systems are deployed.

Over the weekend, President Donald Trump announced that the U.S. will leave the INF treaty after years of complaints about Russian violations that date back to the Obama administration.

"We'll have to develop those

weapons unless Russia comes to us and China comes to us and they all come to us and say, 'Let's really get smart and let's none of us develop those weapons,'" Trump said. "But if Russia's doing it and if China's doing it, and we're adhering to the agreement, that's unacceptable."

China is not a signatory of the treaty.

Trump's decision has concerned some allies. German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas was worried about unforeseen consequences if "an important pillar of our European security architecture" was eliminated.

"We have often urged Russia to address serious allegations that it

is violating the agreement. We now urge the U.S. to consider the possible consequences," Maas said in a statement following Trump's Saturday announcement.

British Foreign Minister Gavin Williamson said the United Kingdom backs Trump's decision.

Stoltenberg didn't explicitly endorse Washington's intention to pull out of the treaty, but he offered no objections.

"We also understand this is not something that can go on," Stoltenberg said of Russia's alleged INF violations.

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50K troops joining Trident Juncture war games

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STUTTGART, Germany — The U.S.-led NATO alliance will launch its largest war games since the end of the Cold War on Thursday, pulling together 50,000 troops, 65 warships and 250 planes for a mission that will test the ability of allies to free a member state.

"The exercise will test our readiness to restore the sovereignty of an ally — in this case, Norway — after an act of armed aggression," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Wednesday ahead of the launch of this year's Trident Juncture exercise.

The drills amount to launching a liberation campaign — a worst-case scenario for NATO. Stoltenberg said the exercise is against a "fictitious aggressor." But Trident Juncture was designed to simulate a "near-peer" adversary, and the only one in the neighborhood is Russia.

Since 2014, NATO and U.S. forces in Europe have steadily increased the size and complexity of military drills as the alliance adapts to what they've deemed a "new security environment" on the Continent.

For NATO, Russia's intervention and annexation of territory in Ukraine more than four years ago triggered an overhaul in how allies operate in Europe. Since then, every year has marked expanded drills, troops rotations into central and Eastern Europe, and frequent declarations about the U.S. and allies involved in some form of post-Cold War first.

In the case of Trident Juncture, the USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is joining the drills and sailing into the Arctic Circle, the first time for a U.S. carrier there since 1987.

Trident Juncture participants will split into "south" and "north" forces, taking turns in the role of aggressor against NATO defending forces.

The drills also will test the ability of allies to reinforce an allied country with troops and equipment from the U.S. and Europe as well as certify the readiness of NATO quick-reaction forces.

For NATO, the logistics of moving forces in a crisis across the Atlantic and around Europe — with speed and security — has long been a source of concern. Earlier this year, allies agreed to stand up two new headquarters that harken back to NATO's Cold War-era command structure in hopes of addressing those concerns.

"So Trident Juncture sends a clear message to our nations and to any potential adversary," Stoltenberg said. "NATO does not seek confrontation. But we stand ready to defend all allies."



KYLE ASHTON/Courtesy of Allied Joint Force Command Naples

A U.S. Marine carries cold weather equipment as he begins to march across the Icelandic terrain Friday. Marines with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit are in Iceland for NATO's exercise Trident Juncture 2018.



Courtesy of Bundeswehr, Allied Joint Force Command Naples

Two German soldiers coordinate just before a river crossing in drills Monday.

Moscow, meanwhile, has complained about the exercise, which it regards as a provocation. Such criticisms are nothing new. Nearly every NATO troop rotation in Eastern Europe or war game in a state that borders Russia is met with criticism from Russian officials.

At the same time, Russia also has carried out large war games near NATO territory in recent years and built up forces in border

areas like the military enclave of Kaliningrad, which borders Poland and Lithuania.

Unlike Russia, NATO is "transparent in the way we exercise," Stoltenberg said.

Russia was briefed on the exercise and accepted an invitation for its representatives to attend Trident Juncture as an observer. Yet Russia has not notified NATO of "a single exercise since the end of the Cold War," Stoltenberg said. Stoltenberg did not consider Russia's invitation to its Zapad exercise last year proper because it did not meet international protocols.

Trident Juncture is being led by U.S. Navy Adm. James Foggo, head of NATO's Allied Joint Force Command-Naples, who will command aboard the USS Mount Whitney.

Maritime operations play a large role in the exercise.

"The Atlantic is vital for the security of Europe and for global trade and communications," Stoltenberg said. "It also provides a crucial route for reinforcement between North America and Europe. NATO is committed to securing the Atlantic."

All 29 NATO members are taking part in the war games. The U.S. is the largest participant, with more than 14,000 servicemembers drawn from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

Trident Juncture ends Nov. 23.

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PACIFIC

US, Japan to hold talks about Okinawa aircraft safety

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The United States and Japan have renewed an agreement to discuss the possibility of allowing Japanese officials onto Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to verify the safety of U.S. military aircraft.

At the request of former Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera, U.S. Forces Japan officials had planned to host a Feb. 1 "information exchange" after a spate of emergency landings and other incidents involving Marine helicopters.

But the meeting was postponed by the U.S. over a need for more preparation time, according to a Kyodo News report that cited an unnamed senior Japanese Defense Ministry official. It was never rescheduled.

The issue has become amplified in Japan over the past few months because it is being billed as Japanese inspections of U.S. military aircraft, something USFJ officials have said will not happen.

Last week, new Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya — who replaced Onodera in a reshuffling of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet — met with USFJ's com-

mander, Air Force Lt. Gen. Jerry Martinez, and the pair agreed to hold talks in the future regarding the exchange, a Defense Ministry spokesman said.

"We both agreed that there should be a meeting between subject matter experts first, then ... we should find the best way to conduct the safety inspections," Iwaya told reporters Friday. He said the matter was under review by his staff.

USFJ officials said this week they are working diligently with Japan's Defense Ministry to finalize the exchange's "content, timing and location." They expect details to be finalized soon.

"USFJ and the Ministry of Defense have agreed to conduct a subject matter expert exchange between U.S. and Japan Self Defense Force experts to discuss aviation maintenance procedures of both sides," USFJ spokesman Air Force Col. John Hutcherson told Stars and Stripes in an email Wednesday. "These discussions are intended to share information and enhance the safety of both nations' flight operations ... to be clear, USFJ has not agreed and will not agree to any inspections of U.S. military aircraft."

Hutcherson added the delay has not affected the U.S.-Japan alliance nor has it eroded trust or

confidence between the partner nations.

"We continue to have a strong relationship with our Japanese partners based on mutual trust and understanding," he said. "Discussions related to this issue haven't changed that."

The idea for verifying the safety of U.S. military aircraft on Okinawa was first broached by Onodera on Jan. 30 in the wake of a spate of aircraft mishaps and emergency landings.

In August 2017, three Marines were killed when an Okinawa-based MV-22 Osprey crashed off Australia's coast during a training exercise. Two months later, a fire forced a 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Super Stallion to land in a farmer's field outside Okinawa's Northern Training Area. The aircraft was an almost total loss.

On Dec. 7, a plastic part thought to belong to a U.S. military helicopter was found on the roof of an Okinawa day care center. On Dec. 13, a CH-53E Super Stallion's window fell from the aircraft and landed on an elementary school sports field adjacent to Futenma's fence line, narrowly missing playing children.

That incident was followed by three emergency landings by Marine helicopters in January.

More incidents have followed.

Onodera requested that Japan Ground Self-Defense Force aircraft maintenance specialists be allowed to visit Marine Corps Air Station Futenma for a briefing on the safety of the AH-1Z Viper and UH-1Y Venom helicopters involved in the emergency landings, verify that any safety issues had been addressed, and then report back to his office to analyze their findings.

Onodera was careful not to call it Japanese inspections of U.S. military aircraft, but that is how his comments have been interpreted. The level of involvement of Japanese inspectors in verifying the state of inspections and maintenance of U.S. military aircraft remains unclear.

"The Ministry of Defense will promptly confirm and verify the state of inspections and maintenance conducted by the U.S. side utilizing the Self-Defense Forces' professional and technical knowledge," he said in January.

As late as last week, Japanese state broadcaster NHK was referring to the exchange as "joint safety inspections" of U.S. helicopters.

Japan's Ministry of Defense spokesman said Tuesday that the holdup regarding the exchange was over "difficulties in scheduling," not objections from the U.S.

military. The length and conditions of the exchange are also pending.

NHK reported that Iwaya and Martinez also discussed the recent deployment of five Air Force CV-22 Ospreys to Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo, and that Iwaya said Japan wants to "ensure the safety" of the aircraft.

Iwaya's spokesman declined to verify those comments, nor would he explain what would be required to ensure the aircraft's safety. USFJ officials likewise declined to "disclose the specific content of private discussions between U.S. and Japanese senior leaders."

Japan began the procurement process for 17 of its own Ospreys in fiscal year 2015 and is slated to receive the first later this year.

"The U.S. has been fully transparent with the Government of Japan about the capabilities and safety of the V-22 Osprey, and indeed the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force is in the process of fielding its own Ospreys to enhance Japan's defensive capabilities," Hutcherson said. "Further, in 2012, both governments confirmed the safety of Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey in a bilateral memorandum issued by the U.S.-Japan Joint Committee."

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A sailor orders a meal at a new 24-hour food court near the waterfront at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on Monday.

24-hour food court opens near Yokosuka waterfront

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Ship crews and waterfront workers at the home of the 7th Fleet can get a fast-food fix 24/7 at a renovated food court that opened this week at the Fleet Recreation Center.

"It is the only food court open all day and night," Yokosuka commander Capt. Jeffrey Kim told Stars and Stripes after cutting a ribbon Monday to reopen the third-floor facility near the Yokosuka waterfront. "It really offers one place where our sailors in our community can come on down and grab something prepared hot."

Only a short walk from where

ships like the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan dock, the updated facility includes Better Burger, Uptown Pizza and Bombers Fresh Mex.

"I'm glad it's opening because it's so close to the ships and a lot of people don't have any transportation," said Navy spouse Brenda Walker, who works as a personal trainer on Yokosuka.

It's been 17 years since the site's last renovation, said Fleet and Family Readiness Director Bruce Wooten.

"We just needed a fresh, clean, new concept, and the sailors deserved something new and exciting," he said.

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Boeing's new tanker stops at Yokota

By SETH ROBSON
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Boeing's new KC-46 Pegasus tanker completed its maiden trip across the Pacific on Tuesday when it touched down at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo.

A version of the aerial refueler, which is based on a 767 airliner and designed to replace old KC-135 and KC-10 tankers, was parked on a ramp at Yokota on Wednesday morning. It had, according to car technology website The Drive's "War Zone" blog, flown there from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., after a stop at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Boeing's website describes the KC-46 as "a wide-body, multirole tanker that can refuel all U.S., allied and coalition military aircraft compatible with international aerial refueling procedures."

It is designed "to carry passengers, cargo and patients and can detect, avoid, defeat and survive threats using multiple layers of protection, which will enable it to operate safely in medium-threat environments," the company said.

But Carl Baker, executive director of the Pacific Forum foreign policy research institute in Hawaii, said the KC-46's rollout has been a headache for the Air Force, which had been slated to buy Airbus' A330 tanker before the contract was awarded to Boeing in 2011.

"Ever since then Boeing has had a problem trying to work this thing," he said, noting that the first production model had been due in 2015 but was delayed again this month.

"They have had mechanical problems trying to work out the (refueling) boom and aerodynamics," he added.

Air Force tankers, including those forward-stationed at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, are vital to operations in the Pacific since jet fighters must refuel



SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Boeing's new KC-46 Pegasus tanker sits at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo on Wednesday after completing its maiden flight across the Pacific.

several times to reach Japan and South Korea from the United States.

For example, during combat operations in the Middle East, tankers circle the battlefield so fighters can refuel and stay in the fight without landing, Baker said.

"Any big operation will have a tanker sitting off to the side to keep those guys in the air," he said.

The trans-Pacific flight shows Boeing should soon be ready to roll out production-line versions of the KC-46, Baker said.

Japan became the first overseas buyer of the aircraft in December, according to a Boeing statement that priced the contract for an initial tanker and logistics support at \$279 million.

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EUROPE

Arctic chill

USS Harry S. Truman sailors keep planes flying in stormy waters of Norwegian Sea

By JOSHUA KARSTEN

Stars and Stripes

A choppy ocean won't normally rock a loaded, 100,000-ton aircraft carrier very much.

But the stormy waters of the Norwegian Sea inside the Arctic Circle, where the USS Harry S. Truman has become the first U.S. carrier to train in decades, are keeping the ship rocking and adding rare challenges to flight operations.

The move north comes ahead of the NATO Trident Juncture exercise, which begins Thursday and will include about 50,000 allied servicemembers over the next month. The Truman's arrival last week is also part of the Navy's push to be less tactically predictable, which means showing up in different places and varying the length of its deployments.

At deck level this week, that means freezing temperatures and winds of 58 mph.

"It's a lot windier than I'm used to. But, it's about as cold as the winters are in Michigan," said Seaman Kodie Rippee, an aircraft handler from Jackson, Mich., according to a Navy statement provided to Stars and Stripes.

Rippee had no complaints about his gear or his workload but said the wind and rain cause limits on flight cycles and require changing gear frequently.

"Then, of course, there is the rocking," Rippee said Tuesday. "The ship can move a lot sometimes, which we're not used to seeing. When you combine that with the wind and jet blast, it can get pretty rough up there."

"We've been training for this, so as a unit we feel comfortable handling aircraft in this weather."

The weather is a more unusual experience for sailors from warm weather climates, like Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Janis, of Silvester, Texas.

"So this weather is kind of a shock to me," Janis said in a statement. "It's really, really cold. But luckily, I have plenty of cold weather gear to stay warm."

Janis also said he is keeping warm with extra clothing, and the biggest struggle is storing the extra gear.

"The disadvantage of the coldness, wet-



MARC ROCKWELL/PATE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Seaman Luis Calderon, an airman assigned to the Fighting Checkmates of Strike Fighter Squadron 211, secures an F/A-18F Super Hornet to the flight deck aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman on Sunday.

ness and the weather is we have the waves rocking the ship, which on a carrier isn't normal," Janis said. "So we have to be extra vigilant while we're out there and not get too distracted by the weather conditions."

"Other than that, the job is the same."

Truman skipper Capt. Nick Dienna credited his crew's performance thus far, according to a statement.

"It has been over three decades since carrier aviation has been tested by this environment and, despite the arduous weather and sea conditions, these men

and women are demonstrating this ship can bring a full spectrum of capabilities to bear anywhere in the world," Dienna said.

Truman and its attached strike group ships will join the USS Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group, USS Mount Whitney, USS Gunston Hall, USS New York and 2,000 Marines from 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit for Trident Juncture.

Combined NATO participants and partner nations Finland and Sweden will bring 250 aircraft, 65 ships and 10,000 combat vehicles to the simulated fight, NATO of-

ficials said Wednesday. Participants will split into two forces and take turns acting as aggressors.

Allies have stated that the exercise is not directed at any country.

However, NATO and U.S. forces have focused their efforts in recent years on reassuring nations in Eastern Europe to counter potential Russian aggression following Moscow's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula in 2014.

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An F/A-18F Super Hornet, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 211, launches from the USS Harry S. Truman on Friday.

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Camp Red Cloud shutting down — for real

South Korean base has been a US hub since Korean War

By **KIM GAMEL**
Stars and Stripes

CAMP RED CLOUD, South Korea — The nine-hole golf course is thriving, but the rest of this historic base north of Seoul resembles a ghost town as the U.S. military prepares to return the land to the South Korean government.

Camp Red Cloud, which has been a hub for American troops deployed near the front lines since the 1950-53 Korean War, is finally shutting down as part of a frequently delayed relocation plan.

The 2nd Infantry Division officially closed its longtime headquarters building, known as Freeman Hall, at the base on Oct. 16, lowering the flags and firing a cannon for the last time as the sun set. About three dozen soldiers and civilians also gathered Sunday in the Warrior Chapel for a ceremony to decommision the white stone building with arched, stained glass windows and a steeple.

"The Warrior Chapel served military members and their families for more than 66 years and will continue serving the 2nd Infantry Division (South Korea-U.S.) Combined Division community from its new home on Camp Humphreys," said Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Love.

The long-anticipated closure of Camp Red Cloud will mark a milestone for a 2004 agreement to sharply reduce the U.S. military presence north of the Han River. Most of some 28,500 U.S. servicemembers stationed on the divided peninsula have been concentrated in Seoul and bases near the heavily fortified border with North Korea.

The relocation was initially supposed to be done by 2008 but had to be postponed several times as the largely South Korean-funded expansion of Camp Humphreys was plagued by construction and quality control problems.

The garrison held an inactivation ceremony for Camp Red Cloud in June, but that was a largely administrative bid to consolidate resources.

The Indianhead Division officially moved its headquarters to Camp Humphreys, some 40 miles south of Seoul, last



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A row of Quonset huts at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, with a view of the surrounding city of Uijeongbu is seen Sunday.

'But it's so sad that it has to close. It was really friendly and ... everybody knows each other.'

Sunny Avery
checker at the Camp Red Cloud commissary

week, becoming the last major command to do so, after the Eighth Army and U.S. Forces Korea. The grand opening of its new headquarters building, which will also be called Freeman Hall, is scheduled for next month.

Camp Red Cloud is on the northwestern edge of Uijeongbu, which was home to the real-life unit that inspired the popular TV show "M.A.S.H." The base was originally known as Camp Jackson but was renamed in 1957 in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.

But the shuttering of facilities is only the start of a lengthy transition process, includ-

ing the capping of utilities and fuel tanks, negotiations over environmental cleanup requirements and other issues related to the status of forces agreement between the two countries.

"It's estimated that the earliest that CRC will be able to be returned to the [South Korean government] is sometime in January/February 2020 if all of that process goes through and there are no issues," said Paul Hubbard, the garrison's lead base-closure analyst.

Hubbard said it has taken between three and 15 years to hand over other bases that have been closed due to disagreements over obligations for environmental cleanup and other issues.

The land will be turned over to the Defense Ministry, but city officials say they're hoping it will be developed as a security-themed park.

Meanwhile, remaining employees are feeling nostalgic as they prepare to vacate



Lee Jong-Sook, 69, who has worked as a bagger at the Camp Red Cloud commissary since 2001, will retire.

the rest of the facilities.

The only part of the base that was busy Sunday afternoon was the golf course, with several South Koreans taking advantage of a sunny day with fall foliage covering the hills in the distance.

The golf club, with annual fees ranging from \$300 to \$1,000, is open to active-duty servicemembers, retirees and South Koreans who work for the military or are part of outreach programs. It's also due to close by the end of the year.

The commissary, which is now full of empty shelves, will close Monday, according to the two remaining employees. Checker Sunny Avery, who will transfer to Camp Humphreys, said business has slowed to a trickle over the past few months.

"But it's so sad that it has to close," she said. "It was really friendly and kind of like family; everybody knows each other."

Lee Jong-sook, 69, has worked as a bagger earning tips at the grocery store since it opened in 2001.

"I'm looking forward to retiring, but I'm sad about leaving all these good people," she said.

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The Warrior Chapel at Camp Red Cloud was decommisioned Sunday.



A plaque shows the year the Warrior Chapel was renovated.

WAR/MILITARY

US, Gulf allies sanction 9 men for Taliban links

BY PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — The United States and Gulf Arab countries have blacklisted nine men, including two Iranian military officers, who they say are linked with the Taliban and have sought to undermine stability in Afghanistan.

The designations support the Trump administration's South Asia strategy, which aims to disrupt those seeking to undermine the Afghan government and eradicate terrorist safe havens in the region, the Treasury Department said in a statement Tuesday.

The nine men include "key Taliban members who are involved in suicide attacks and other lethal activities," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said. "We are

also targeting key Iranian sponsors providing financial and material support to the Taliban."

Their assets will be frozen in the U.S. and the six Gulf states that make up the Terrorist Financing Training Center, or TFTC, a group formed last year. The group accuses Iran of providing military training, financing and weapons to the Taliban.

"[It] is yet another example of Tehran's blatant regional meddling and support for terrorism," Mnuchin said. "The United States and our partners will not tolerate the Iranian regime exploiting Afghanistan to further their destabilizing behavior."

The Gulf members of the TFTC include Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, most of which are outspoken critics of Iran.

Iran, the spiritual center of Shiite Islam,

has generally opposed the Sunni fundamentalist Taliban movement. The two nearly fought in 1998 after Taliban fighters killed 11 Iranian diplomats in the western city of Herat.

But both now see a common enemy in Islamic State, which has surfaced in Afghanistan in recent years.

Ongoing instability in the country may mean Iran's continued involvement, adding further complications to Washington's efforts to end the war, now in its 18th year.

Tehran, which also maintains close ties with the government in Kabul, has repeatedly denied it is providing any support to the Taliban.

The nine men named by the Treasury Department on Tuesday were designated under an executive order that targets terrorists and those providing support.

The Afghan Taliban are not designated as a terrorist group by the United States. It's believed the label would restrict diplomatic contact with the group and make peace talks more difficult.

The men on the TFTC blacklist for accusations of Taliban links include Abdullah Samad Farouqi, Mohammad Daoud Muzamil, Abdul Rahim Manan, Naim Barich, Sadr Ibrahim and Hafiz Majid.

The two officers of Iran's Revolutionary Guards are Muhammad Ebrahim Owahdi and Esmail Razavi.

The ninth man, Abdul Aziz, was described as a businessman who helped transport Taliban drugs used to generate revenue from Afghanistan to other countries.

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'Addams Family' looks to get Yokota into Halloween spirit

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A theater troupe hopes to get folks into the Halloween spirit during free performances of "The Addams Family" musical at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo.

Sponsored by the 374th Force Support Squadron, the Vivace Performing Arts production features a cast and crew of service-

members, Defense Department civilians and dependents, including Kathryn Codiamat, 15.

She stars as Wednesday Addams, whose love for a respectable boy from Ohio causes all kinds of grief for her macabre family.

Performances are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday at Yokota's Taiyo Community Center.

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Above: Servicemembers Shaun Cauty and Jessica Turney, who star as Gomez and Morticia Addams, rehearse for "The Addams Family" at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Tuesday.

Below: From left, 5th Air Force attorney Donald Bugg plays Uncle Fester, college student Sydney McNamee portrays Grandma Addams, and high school students Kathryn Codiamat, 15, and Sam Vazquez, 14, play Wednesday and Pugsley in the musical comedy.



Senior airman Micah Landon coordinates sound during a rehearsal Tuesday.



Actors and staff prepare for a rehearsal.



MILITARY

Pence leaves open option for nukes in space

By ROBERT COSTA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence on Tuesday declined to rule out the idea of deploying nuclear weapons in space, saying the current ban on their use is “in the interest of every nation” but the issue should be decided on “the principle that peace comes through strength.”

“What we need to do is make sure that we provide for the common defense of the people of the United States of America, and that’s the president’s determination here,” Pence said in an interview with The Washington Post when asked if nuclear weapons should be banned from orbit.

Pence added, “What we want to do is continue to advance the principle that peace comes through strength.”

The new positioning comes as the Trump administration moves to potentially exit a major nuclear weapons pact with Russia and possibly bolster U.S. military operations in the heavens by forming a Space Force.

The 1967 Outer Space Treaty outlawed weapons of mass destruction from space, including nuclear weapons, and stopped the arms race between the U.S. and the

former Soviet Union from entering space.

Pence said the 1967 treaty “does ban weapons of mass destruction in space, but it doesn’t ban military activity. It actually is — it gives nations a fair amount of flexibility in operating for their security interests in space. And at this time, we don’t see any need to amend the treaty.”

In recent days, President Donald Trump has signaled a willingness to withdraw from or renegotiate long-standing treaties. Trump told reporters Saturday in Nevada that the U.S. would exit a landmark 1987 arms control agreement with the former Soviet Union, due to his belief that it constrains the U.S. from developing its own weapons and that Russia has violated the pact.

Pence’s remarks on Tuesday came during a “Transformers: Space” policy summit hosted by The Post at its Washington headquarters, where he provided an outline of the Trump administration’s plans for space in the coming year. Pence announced in August that the administration hopes to establish Space Force as the sixth branch of the U.S. military as soon as 2020, the first since the Air Force was formed after World War II.

Later Tuesday, the National Space Coun-

cil, convened by the White House and chaired by the vice president, met at the National Defense University. It will send a series of recommendations to Trump about creating a U.S. Space Command that would oversee space activities.

Space Force, however, could meet resistance on Capitol Hill, where some conservative Republicans are reluctant to back a sweeping new federal program. The Air Force has estimated that Space Force could cost \$3 billion in its first year and would likely need \$13 billion in its first five years. Some military leaders have criticized the proposal as too expensive and cumbersome.

Speaking at the Post event, Rep. Don Beyer, D-Va., said that many members of Congress have a “wait and see” view of Space Force.

Pence maintained that he and Trump would like the next round of defense spending to include “language that authorizes the establishment of the United States Space Force, and a department as the sixth branch of the service.”

On the GOP reluctance for more federal spending, Pence said, “I would just ask my old colleagues in the Congress, ‘What price, freedom?’”

Pence argued that Space Force is critical for U.S. national security as China and Russia expand their presence in space and “ensuring that America remains as dominant in space militarily as we are here on Earth.”

Pence also said Space Force would be needed to provide security for civilian missions to put “American boots back on the Moon” and eventually “seeing Americans land on Mars.”

“In 2015, China essentially stood up its own space force. Russia, in the very same year, assigned a part of its aerospace division to a space force,” Pence said. “What President Trump has initiated here, in a very real sense, while America continues to lead in technology and in innovation and in military strength, in terms of organizational structure, this is what our competitors are already doing.”

Russia and China are engaged in robust efforts to fight wars in space, developing technology and weapons designed to take out U.S. satellites that provide missile defense and enable soldiers to communicate and monitor adversaries, according to reports earlier this year from the Secure World Foundation and the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

National Space Council offers blueprint for branch

By SAMANTHA MASUNAGA
Los Angeles Times

In creating the Space Force that President Donald Trump wants, one of the first steps should be to make an agency that buys cutting-edge space technology for all branches of the U.S. military, the National Space Council said Tuesday.

Creating a new branch of the military would be subject to Congress’ approval, but the council, led by Vice President Mike Pence, is recommending that the nation build a Space Force and structures that would usher it into existence.

The blueprint outlined by the council Tuesday also calls for review of each military branch’s space-related responsibilities, development of a Defense Department organization to oversee space operations, and collaboration with Congress and U.S. intelligence agencies.

The recommendations were sent to Trump for consideration.

This past summer, Trump directed the Defense Department to begin the process of establishing a space-focused military service that would be a counterpart to the Army, Navy, Air Force,

Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The White House has said it will release plans for the Space Force early next year.

On Tuesday, Pence described the proposed Space Force as the “next and natural evolution of our armed forces,” arguing that U.S. adversaries such as China and Russia are developing new technologies, such as hypersonic missiles, that make space a place where wars can be fought.

Pence said the Trump administration was already working closely with congressional leaders on “both sides of the Capitol building” to include funding for the Space Force in next year’s defense budget. The new military branch could be established as soon as 2020.

“Today, space is fundamentally different than it was a generation ago,” Pence said during Tuesday’s meeting at the National Defense University in Washington. “It is the cost of inaction that we can’t afford.”

But congressional support of the Space Force proposal is not certain, and Pentagon officials have said standing up a new military service could cost billions of dollars.



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Maneuvers over Morocco

Airmen with the 37th Airlift Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, watch an aerial demonstration from the top of a C-130J with members of the United Kingdom’s Royal Air Force on Wednesday at the Royal Moroccan Air Force Marrakech Air Show in Morocco. The C-130J, also from Ramstein, was one of numerous static displays at the air show, one of the largest of its kind in Africa.

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Army Master Sgt. Shelley Horner grades a 128th Aviation Brigade soldier attempting the hand-release pushup portion of the new Army Combat Fitness Test during a demonstration of the new test on Tuesday at Fort Eustis in Virginia. The new test is scheduled to be fully implemented across the service by October 2020.

Workout: Changes possible after testing feedback

FROM FRONT PAGE

As officials receive feedback from those testing battalions could decide whether some adjustments might be necessary, said Whitfield East, the research physiologist at CMIT who is leading development of the new test.

For example, he said, the Army is testing two versions of the hand-release pushup to determine which will be used in the final Combat Fitness Test, an evaluation that will replace the long-held, three-event Army Physical Fitness Test.

In one version of the new pushup, soldiers simply raise their hands from the ground at the bottom of the exercise. In the other, dubbed an arm-extension pushup, soldiers must lift their hands and then extend their arms to the side, creating a "T" shape with their bodies, East said.

"There are some issues relative to the ease ... and objectivity of grading," he said of the potential change to the pushups. "The point is to ensure they are totally resting on the ground. We don't want them in a low hover over the ground. We want to see their body fully supported on the ground."

The hand-release pushup is the third

performed of the six events in the Army Combat Fitness Test.

The Army spent six years developing the ACFT to better align the service's fitness standards to the physical skills soldiers need in combat, compared with the 4-decade old APFT. The new, 50-minute test requires soldiers to perform three repetitions of a deadlift, throw a medicine ball backward over their heads, perform as many hand-release pushups as they can in two minutes, complete a sprint-drag-carry course, perform as many leg-lifts while hanging from a pull-up bar as they can in two minutes, and complete a 2-mile run in less than 21 minutes. Each of the exercises, Army officials said, correlates directly with common activities that soldiers would perform on the battlefield.

The change to a version of the hand-release pushup from the traditional pushup has not been particularly popular among soldiers, said Army Lt. Col. David Feltwell, the CIMT's command physical therapist.

In testing, so far, soldiers on average have dropped the maximum number of pushups that they can do in two minutes by 30 to 50 percent, compared with their performance

of traditional pushups in the old test.

However, Feltwell said there's good reason for the change — a decreased potential for injury by performing fewer repetitions.

"Longer movement recruits more cells in the muscle, so it's harder to do. That's what we want," he said. "Faster, highly repetitive exercises generally become more injurious over time. By focusing on proper form and doing it slower, we reduce the number of reps but we generate more force."

Soldiers with the 128th Aviation Brigade at Fort Eustis participating in the ACFT demonstration Tuesday struggled as graders watched closely to see that they fully released their hands from the ground.

Others struggled with the leg-tuck, which requires soldiers to hang from a pull-up bar and raise their knees to the bar using their abdominal muscles.

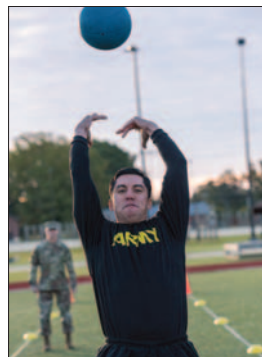
Staff Sgt. Jessica Smiley, an Army master fitness instructor who was one of the graders Tuesday, had to repeatedly decline to count repetitions as some soldiers swung their legs upward, using momentum from their last repetition.

"You have to be completely under control for the rep to count so that we have a really good indication of abdominal strength," Smiley said. "It can be a little difficult to gauge how you feel, so one thing we like to use ... is videoing soldiers to show them the deficiencies that I've noticed as I'm grading your exercise. Show them what right looks like."

For Staff Sgt. Misty DiChristina, a drill sergeant at Fort Eustis, the sprint-drag-carry was more difficult than anticipated. In that exercise, soldiers must sprint up and down a 25-meter lane, drag a 90-pound sled up and down the lane, slide-slip heel-to-heel up and down the lane and carry two 40-pound kettlebell weights up and down the lane. The slide-slip is another change to the test since the Army officially rolled out the new assessment in July. Originally, soldiers were to perform the sprint portion twice.

"Sprint-drag-carry was a smoker," she said. "I think with all the events (in the ACFT) together, it will be more challenging than our old APFT. More challenging but more realistic."

Soldiers have reported mixed reactions



A soldier attempts the standing power throw during the demonstration Tuesday.

to the new test, Feltwell and East said. However, they said the relationship between the new test and combat should convince them that the Army is making a good decision.

Staff Sgt. Stephen Sykes, a CH-47 Chinook helicopter mechanic with the 128th Aviation Brigade, said he is not entirely convinced about some portions of the test, especially the sprint-drag-carry portion, in which he said he has seen several soldiers fall down.

But after completing demonstrations of the test more than a handful of times, the 37-year-old Sykes said he's convinced the new evaluation makes sense for the Army. For soldiers who have not yet attempted it, he said, it will get easier every time they take it, especially if they properly prepare for it.

"I'm completely sold on the why, because it makes sense if you're going to deploy to go to war ... I can tell you a pushup, a sit-up and a run is not going to prepare you for war at all. It's not," Sykes said. "And when you can use a PT test like this that they've developed ... it can increase that predictability in terms of battlefield survivability. That's why you want to do this PT test."

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A soldier pulls a 90-pound sled during the sprint-drag-carry event, one of six parts of the Army Combat Fitness Test, during the demonstration.

MILITARY

Meningitis scare in Italy started with US soldier

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — Public health officials were working Wednesday to locate and treat people who had contact over the weekend with a gravely ill U.S. soldier diagnosed with bacterial meningitis.

Italian public health authorities were trying to locate up to 200 people who went on Friday to a popular local nightclub, Custom Club, so that if needed they could be provided prophylactic antibiotics, according to the newspaper *Giornale di Vicenza*.

The effort began after a 25-year-old paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne Brigade was taken to the San Bortolo Hospital emergency room on Monday following worsening symptoms — fever and headache — he'd reported earlier.

On Wednesday, the soldier, who has not been identified, was reportedly in guarded condition in a medically induced coma.

Col. Rodney Coldren, chief of preventive medicine services for Public Health Command-Europe at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, said that U.S. protocols to prevent spread of the infection are to identify those who were in close contact — who could have shared saliva or respiratory secretions with an infected person or had prolonged contact such as sharing a room — and provide a one-time dose of a prophylactic antibiotic. Less close contacts are just monitored. "Initially you cast a very wide net and then apply what we call shoe leather epidemiology," Coldren said.

At the nightclub, for instance, public health officials would first want to identify for prophylactic treatment anyone whom the paratrooper coughed or sneezed on, shared a drink with or kissed.

Maj. Chris Forster, the 173rd Brigade's command surgeon, said that the brigade also chose to treat anyone who'd spent more than eight hours within three feet of the ill paratrooper after he started showing symptoms. He declined to say how many people

had received the treatment.

Meningococcal meningitis, named for the type of bacterium involved, is a serious infection of the lining that surrounds the brain and spinal cord.

Untreated, it's fatal up to half the time and causes disabilities in more than 10 percent of patients who recover, according to the World Health Organization.

The bacterium can also infect the blood and cause sepsis, an even more life-threatening illness that can result in multiple organ failure.

The disease, with an incubation period of between two and 10 days, is a medical emergency that can move swiftly from headache, fever and stiff neck to seizures and loss of consciousness.

Early antibiotic treatment is the most important measure to save lives and reduce complications, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The disease is spread through saliva and respiratory secretions during coughing, sneezing, kissing or sharing eating or drinking utensils, according to the CDC. Since the 1970s, the military has had a policy of universal meningococcal vaccination for everyone entering all branches of service, substantially driving down incidence of the disease. A study in 2012 by researchers at the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego identified 26 cases of meningococcal disease in troops from 2006 to 2010. Of those, 15 had received vaccinations. Five cases were fatal.

Forster declined to say if the paratrooper had been vaccinated or speculate whether he'd contracted a strain not included in the vaccinations.

Meningococcal meningitis is observed worldwide but the highest burden of the disease is in the "meningitis belt" of sub-Saharan Africa stretching from Senegal to Ethiopia, according to the WHO. Around 30,000 cases are still reported each year from that region.

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Bomber makes emergency landing

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The Air Force says a Missouri-based B2 stealth bomber landed in Colorado Springs after an unspecified emergency during a training flight, but neither of the pilots was injured.

Officials say first responders

from Peterson Air Force Base responded to the plane after it landed at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday.

The Air Force, in a statement, said a maintenance team is on the way to investigate. At the time of the landing, the aircraft was returning to its home base at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, east of Kansas City.



JAMES HODGMAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

An airman holds a hot cup inside a KC-10 Extender at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The base is working on developing a new handle for the cup.

Air Force halts orders for \$1,280 cups

Stars and Stripes

The Air Force has put the brakes on orders for coffee cups that cost \$1,280 apiece.

Those attempting to requisition a new hot cup via the Air Force supply system will get a message telling them "Do not order until further notice," Air Mobility Command spokesman Col. Chris Karns told *Air Force Times* on Tuesday.

Airmen found a way to 3D print replacement parts for the cup at a cost of about 50 cents apiece, rather than ordering a new cup every time one of its plastic handles is damaged, according to a July statement from the Air Force. Other options are also being explored for heating liquids on aircraft, Karns said.

The Air Force statement drew questions from Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, who wondered why the cost was so high in the

first place. He sent a letter earlier this month to Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson about the cup, saying that it's "simply beyond reason to continue to pay ever-increasing prices for something as simple as a coffee cup that is so fragile that it needs to be constantly replaced."

In two years, replacement costs for the mugs, which contain a heating element and are used to heat coffee and tea on aircraft, have gone up more than \$500 per cup, leading the service to spend \$32,000 this year for just 25 cups, according to the Air Force.

"The cup has two plastic pieces, one on top that helps lift the lid and one on the side," 1st Lt. Dennis Abramov, 60th APS passenger operations flight commander, said in the statement. "The side handle allows someone to hold the

cup without burning their hand. Unfortunately, we can't order replacement parts when the handle breaks, which requires us to purchase a whole new hot cup every time one breaks."

The water heaters are used across the Air Force cargo fleet on 59 KC-10s, 52 C-5s, and 222 C-17s, Wilson said. With planes aging, and the average KC-10 at 34 years old, it's harder to find parts for those aircraft, she said. Many suppliers have stopped producing parts or have gone out of business, Wilson said, noting that the Defense Logistics Agency also said that copper and chrome plating costs have increased 180 percent in the past two years.

Because the cup is plugged into the aircraft, replacements require FAA airworthiness certification, Wilson said.



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NATION



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San Francisco will become the first city in California and one of only a handful nationwide to allow noncitizens to vote in a local election in November.

Noncitizens can vote in San Francisco but few will

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco has become the largest U.S. city to give people in the country illegally and other noncitizens the right to vote in a local election, but the possibility of the Trump administration learning their identities appears to have kept people away. Only 35 noncitizens have registered.

It is among a handful of cities nationwide to allow people who aren't citizens to vote, which is illegal in state and federal elections. In San Francisco, they can participate in only the school board race.

Voters in 2016 approved a measure allowing parents or guardians of a child in San Francisco schools to have a say in their children's education by helping elect school board representatives regardless of their immigration status.

In the same election, Donald Trump won the presidency and has since cracked down on illegal immigration and ramped up rhetoric against those living in the U.S. illegally.

"We're in an unprecedented arena of animosity toward our immigrant community, and that has really stopped people from voting," said San Francisco Supervisor Sandra Fower, a former member of the school board and a supporter of the noncitizen voting measure.

Noncitizens must provide their address and date of birth to register. The number who had was low as of Monday, but people can still sign up and vote on Election Day.

The Chinese American Voters Education Committee has been holding voter registration campaigns on college campuses, in low-income neighborhoods, at festivals and in Chinatown. Volunteers have not registered a single noncitizen, including a green-card holder, Executive Di-

By the numbers

40,000

Estimated number of people in San Francisco who entered the country illegally

35

The number of noncitizens registered to vote in San Francisco as of Monday

SOURCE: The Associated Press

rector David Lee said.

"People are really fearful because the Trump administration is perceived to be very anti-immigrant," Lee said. "There is legitimate concern that their information may be turned over to the federal government and that they may end up being detained or deported."

Lee and other community groups have been inviting prospective voters to register but also warning them of the risks. The city election department also has warnings on its registration form and on flyers saying voter information would be public and could be seen by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other agencies.

San Francisco is a "sanctuary city" that otherwise limits cooperation with federal immigration officials. The city has not shied away from confronting the U.S. government on immigration, suing the Trump administration over sanctuary protections for people in the country illegally.

Those who championed the vot-

ing ordinance say it aims to give immigrants a greater voice at the school board, which approves curriculum, hires staff and manages a nearly \$900,000 annual budget.

The San Francisco School District does not keep a tally of its noncitizen parents or children but reports that 29 percent of its 54,000 students are English learners, with the majority listing Chinese or Spanish as their first language.

At least 40,000 people in the city of 885,000 are in the country illegally, according to government estimates.

Harnett Dhillon, a San Francisco attorney and committeewoman for the National Republican Committee, said allowing noncitizens to cast ballots devalues the rights of citizens.

San Francisco is not the first place with such a measure. In Maryland, where an estimated 15 percent of residents are foreign-born, at least six cities allow noncitizens to vote in local elections. The measures have been in effect since the 1980s but not without controversy. In College Park, home to the University of Maryland, an amendment that would have allowed noncitizen voting failed last year.

One reason so many cities in Maryland have enacted noncitizen voting laws is that municipalities are allowed to enact legislation and implement it right away, unlike in other states, said Ron Hayduk, an associate professor of political science at San Francisco State University who studies noncitizen voting laws.

In Massachusetts, the cities of Amherst, Cambridge, Newton and Brookline have advanced laws to allow noncitizen voting, but they cannot implement them because they need the approval of state lawmakers, who have not acted, Hayduk said.

Study: 2016 election could lead some students to PTSD

By ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER
The Washington Post

Are college students "snowflakes" — triggered, traumatized and altogether too delicate for the real world?

Or are they apathetic — so unconcerned that they can't be bothered to purchase stamps to send in their absentee ballots?

The two characterizations of young Americans are in conflict, observed Melissa Hagan, an assistant professor of psychology at San Francisco State University.

Her research has led her to believe that neither captures what's going on in the minds of young people. Their intense reaction to political events runs contrary to the charge of apathy, she said, while the emotional trauma they report should not be dismissed as hypersensitivity.

With a team of researchers, she surveyed 769 introductory psychology students at Arizona State University in January and February 2017, asking about their satisfaction with the 2016 election, whether they were upset about the outcome and whether the results of the race had affected

their close relationships.

The results were published Monday in an article, "Event-related clinical distress in college students: Responses to the 2016 U.S. Presidential election," in the Journal of American College Health, a bimonthly, peer-reviewed public health journal.

The article finds that 25 percent of students had "clinically significant event-related distress," which it argues can predict future distress as well as diagnoses of PTSD, commonly associated with veterans and defined by the Mayo Clinic as "a mental health condition that's triggered by a terrifying event — either experiencing it or witnessing it."

The research speaks to the personal toll of partisan battles, and it offers insight into the perspective of young Americans coming to political consciousness in the era of President Donald Trump.

Hagan, the article's lead author, said she believed it was the first of its kind examining an election's psychological impact on college students.



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NATION

Bombs: Police say all confirmed explosives appear to be from same person

FROM FRONT PAGE

All the confirmed bombs appeared to come from the same person or persons, said John Miller, the New York Police Department's head of intelligence and counterterrorism, who briefed reporters in New York.

The U.S. Secret Service intercepted a bomb that was addressed to Hillary Clinton at the Chappaqua, N.Y., home she shares with former President Bill Clinton, and another that was sent to former President Obama at his home with Michelle Obama in Washington. A police bomb squad removed still another from CNN's New York headquarters, which was evacuated. Its package was addressed to former CIA Director John Brennan, who appears on air on other broadcast and cable outlets.

Overhead TV shots showed a truck carrying that device, which law enforcement officials said was linked to the other explosives, being driven away.

The package sent to CNN contained a live explosive and an envelope with white powder, and officials said the substance was being tested to see if it was dangerous.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said at a briefing that "we will not allow these terrorist thugs to change the way we live our lives."

A U.S. official told The Associated Press that investigators believe the explosive that was discovered near the Clintons' home was linked to one found Monday at the Soros compound.

The official noted that one of the packages had the return address of Florida Rep. Schultz, an ironic reference to the former chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee who was accused by Clinton rivals of secretly helping the party's eventual presidential nominee.

In Florida, the Broward Sheriff's Office used a bomb squad robot in the investigation of a suspicious package at Schultz's office. Neither Clinton nor Obama received the packages, and neither was at risk of receiving them because of screening procedures, the Secret Service said.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement, "These terrorizing acts are despicable, and anyone responsible will be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law."



ALEX BRANDON/AP

A Secret Service officer uses his dog to search a checkpoint near the home of former President Barack Obama, in Washington.

Hillary Clinton was attending campaign events for Democrats in Florida on Tuesday and Wednesday and was not at the family's New York residence at the time. Bill Clinton was at the family's Chappaqua home at the time the package was intercepted

Tuesday night at a Westchester County facility, said a person familiar with his schedule.

The person said the device was screened at the facility — not in proximity to their residence.

A law enforcement official said that the package discovered

at Soros' home appeared to be a pipe bomb and was in a package placed in a mailbox outside the gates of the compound.

A Soros employee opened it just inside the gates, not near Soros' quarters, the official said.



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Winning Mega Millions ticket sold in S. Carolina

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

SIMPSONVILLE, S.C. — A flimsy little piece of paper that crossed the counter of a convenience store on a country road in South Carolina is now worth \$1.537 billion, so lottery officials could hardly be blamed Wednesday if anxiety tinged their excitement.

They said a single ticket sold at the KC Mart in Simpsonville matched all six numbers to win the Mega Millions jackpot. And unless the winner chooses to come forward, the world may never know who won.

The prize is extraordinary by any measure, but particularly so for South Carolina, where it would be enough, if the winner was so generously inclined, to shower roughly \$307 on each of the state's five million people. It's about as much as 20 percent of the \$8 billion that state lawmakers were to spend this year.

An earlier Mega Millions estimate of \$1.6 billion would have been a world record for lotteries, but actual sales came in below the \$1.586 billion Powerball jackpot prize shared by winners in California, Florida and Tennessee in January of 2016.

"The final total was less than the \$1.6

billion estimate," confirmed Carol Gentry, a spokeswoman for the Maryland Lottery, which leads a consortium of state lotteries participating in the Mega Millions jackpot. The ticket is worth about \$877.8 million in a lump-sum cash payment, which most winners choose to take, rather than collect the full amount in annual payments over three decades.

South Carolina is one of eight states — along with Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, North Dakota, Ohio and Texas — where winners can remain anonymous. The winner also has up to 180 days to claim the prize.

"Our board has a policy to protect the winner because of all the risk associated with having that much money," South Carolina Education Lottery Director William Hogan Brown told ABC's "Good Morning America."

South Carolina's previous record-holder — someone who bought a \$400 million Powerball ticket in the Columbia area in 2013 — never wanted to be identified.

H. Armstrong, a state lottery spokeswoman, said the winner will get a \$50,000 payout. TV trucks and gawkers flooded the parking lot ahead of a news conference at the KC Mart and Exxon station, which sits



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

People line up to buy lottery tickets outside a liquor store in Hawthorne, Calif., on Tuesday. Officials said a winning ticket for the Mega Millions jackpot of \$1.537 billion was bought in South Carolina.

at the bend of a road where Greenville's suburban sprawl gives way to farm fields.

The biggest Mega Millions jackpot winner prior to this was a \$656 million ticket sold back in 2012, Gentry said, "so it's a record for Mega Millions and it came very close to breaking the world record of all the jackpots."

The winning numbers were 5, 28, 62, 65, 70 and Mega Ball 5. The lucky player overcame miserable odds: The chance of

matching all six numbers and winning the top prize is 1 in 302.5 million.

Mega Millions is played in 44 states as well as Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Lottery officials and financial managers encourage winners to take time to map out a strategy for investing their hundreds of millions of dollars, and to prepare for security concerns befalling someone who suddenly becomes immensely wealthy.



GILLIAN FLACCUS/AP

Portland police K-9 Ofc. Shawn Gore gives commands to police dog Jasko in Portland, Ore., on Sept. 6. Jasko is wearing a new canine body camera on his back that Gore is testing for the Portland Police Bureau, which currently outfits 10 dogs with body-worn cameras.

Some police dogs fitted with cameras too

By CARRIE ANTILFINGER
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Police dogs have always helped their human counterparts through their eyes and nose, and now some of the dogs are getting their own back-up — cameras that transmit live video.

The devices generally attach to dogs' backs on a vest and transmit video to a handler watching from a screen, possibly on their wrist or around their necks. It's so the officers can better assess what they are up against before they go into a situation.

"If we have a really close encounter with armed people it doesn't work out well for anyone,"

said Shawn Gore, Portland, Ore., police K-9 officer. "If we can gain distance it gives us lots of options to negotiate and de-escalate."

David Ferland, executive director for the United States Police Canine Association, a training program for police dogs, said departments generally use the cameras when dogs go out to look for suspects, missing people or explosives — for the dog's safety and for intelligence gathering.

Ferland doesn't have statistics but he suspects fewer than 5 percent of agencies have the cameras because they are so expensive.

Most cost between \$6,000 and \$20,000, he said.

K-9 cameras started gaining

traction about a decade ago after departments saw their success in helping dogs in the military, he said.

Law enforcement agencies generally pay for the cameras through donations or use forfeiture or drug seizure money, which is how Portland is paying for its cameras. That police agency has used 10 cameras on its 10 K-9s since about 2012 and is in the process of getting newer cameras, costing about \$20,000 each.

Tactical Electronics started making K-9 cameras in 2006 and has sold 5,000 to 6,000 to law enforcement and military around the world, said Addie Ventris, the company's marketing director.

Health chief: Overdose deaths start to level off

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
AND CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of U.S. drug overdose deaths has begun to level off after years of relentless increases driven by the opioid epidemic, health Secretary Alex Azar said Tuesday, cautioning it's too soon to declare victory.

"We are so far from the end of the epidemic, but we are, perhaps, at the end of the beginning," Azar said at a health care event sponsored by the Milken Institute think tank.

Confronting the opioid epidemic has been the rare issue uniting Republicans and Democrats in a politically divided nation. A bill providing major funding for treatment was passed under former President Barack Obama. More money followed earlier this year under President Donald Trump. On Wednesday, Trump was expected to sign bipartisan legislation passed this month that increases access to treatment, among other steps.

More than 70,000 people died of drug overdoses last year, according to preliminary numbers released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this past summer — a 10 percent increase from 2016. Health and Human Services — the department Azar heads — is playing a central role in the government's response.

In his speech Azar suggested that multi-pronged efforts to bring the epidemic under control are paying off. He ticked off

statistics showing an increase in treatment with medications such as buprenorphine and naltrexone.

There's solid evidence backing medication-assisted treatment, when used alongside counseling and ongoing support. He also noted much broader access to the overdose-reversing drug naloxone and a documented decline in the number of people missing prescription opioids as doctors take greater care in prescribing.

Azar said that toward the end of last year and through the beginning of this year, the number of deaths "has begun to plateau." Azar was not indicating that deaths are going down, but noting that they appear to be rising at a slower rate than previously seen.

Earlier this month, the CDC released figures — also preliminary — that appear to show a slowdown in overdose deaths in late 2017 and the first three months of this year. From December to March, those figures show that the pace of the increase over the previous 12 months has slowed from 10 percent to 3 percent, according to the preliminary CDC figures.

Despite the slowdown, the nation is still in the midst of the deadliest drug overdose epidemic in its history. Opioids were involved in most of the deaths, killing nearly 48,000 people last year.

While prescription opioid and heroin deaths appear to be leveling off, deaths involving fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine are on the rise. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid much more powerful than heroin, used as an additive in street drugs.

NATION

Child death toll at 7 in NJ viral outbreak

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Another child has died following a severe viral outbreak at a New Jersey rehabilitation center for “medically fragile children,” bringing the death toll to seven, the facility said Wednesday.

There have been 18 cases overall of adenovirus at the Wanuaque Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Haskell, about 30 miles northwest of New York, the state Health Department said. The 227-bed, for-

profit facility cares for children and elderly residents.

The agency had said Tuesday that six children died this month. But the center said it learned Tuesday night that another child had died.

Adenoviruses are a group of common viruses that typically cause mild illnesses, from cold-like symptoms to conjunctivitis. But people with weakened immune systems, particularly children, are at higher risk of severe illness.

The strain afflicting the children is usually associated with acute respiratory illness, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which on its website instructs health workers to report unusual clusters to state or local health departments.

The Health Department hasn’t released the names or the ages of the victims.

The CDC is providing technical assistance to the state.

In the past 10 years, cases of severe ill-

ness and death from the type of infection found at the facility have been reported in the United States, though it’s unclear how many deaths there have been.

The center’s website says it helps educate “medically fragile children.”

The facility was instructed not to admit new patients until the outbreak ends, and the Health Department said the number of new cases appears to be decreasing.

Ballot initiatives buck GOP-led legislatures

By DAVID CRARY

Associated Press

Marijuana legalization. An increase in the minimum wage. Expansion of Medicaid. Come Election Day, voters in a batch of Republican-dominated states will weigh in on these and other liberal or centrist proposals that reached the ballot after bypassing state legislatures.

Pushed forward via signature-gathering campaigns, these measures offer a chance for voters to do things their GOP-run legislatures oppose. Many are considered to have a good chance of passage.

In four of the states — Florida, Missouri, Montana and North Dakota — the ballot measures might have some effect on closely contested U.S. Senate races. Even a slight boost in turnout among liberal-leaning voters could help Bill Nelson, Claire McCaskill, Jon Tester and Heidi Heitkamp, the endangered Democratic incumbents in those states.

Missouri is notable this year for having three left-leaning proposals on its ballot — raising the minimum wage, legalizing marijuana for medical purposes and changing the congressional redistricting process so that it is potentially less partisan.

The minimum-wage measure might have special appeal to low-income voters from Kansas City and St. Louis, where efforts to raise pay locally were thwarted by the Legislature last year.

Among those dismayed by the Legislature’s move was the Rev. Starsky Wilson, who heads a social services foundation in St. Louis. He also co-chaired a commission that investigated economic and social inequality after the racial unrest provoked by the 2014 killing of Michael Brown by a police officer in Ferguson.

“When the Legislature pre-empted, it showed that the folks will go to thwart the will of the people,” Wilson said. “These were unfortunate actions of some legislators who don’t seem to care about the poor and also don’t seem to care about democracy.”

Most of the financing for the minimum wage campaign will come from a Washington-based liberal organization, the Sixteen Thirty Fund, which has backed campaigns in other states.

The wage increase is opposed by Associated Industries of Missouri and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which say it will raise the cost of doing business and possibly reduce the number of entry-level jobs. However, more than 350 Missouri businesses have announced support for the increase.

The measure would gradually raise the state’s \$7.85 minimum wage to \$12 an hour, starting with a boost to \$8.60 in January.

St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson said that the current wage is not high enough and that even the bump in January might not do much for many minimum-wage workers. “But it’s a move in the right direction,” she said.

St. Louis had raised its minimum to \$10



MATT VOLZ/AP

Amanda Cahill, of the American Heart Association, speaks at a rally in support of a ballot initiative to raise the state's tobacco taxes in Helena, Mont., in August. The measure, designed to extend a Medicaid expansion, is on the November ballot.

an hour before the legislature banned local governments from setting wages that were higher than the state’s.

Dave Robertson, a political science professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, said the ballot measures might have only a marginal effect on turnout.

“That said, the marginal votes could make a huge difference in the Senate race because everyone expects it to be dead even,” he said, referring to McCaskill’s effort to repel a strong challenge from Republican Attorney General Josh Hawley.

Aside from Missouri, other GOP-controlled states with liberal- or centrist-backed measures on the ballot include:

■ Arkansas, to raise the state minimum wage from \$8.50 an hour to \$11 by 2021.

■ Idaho, Nebraska and Utah, to expand Medicaid coverage to more residents.

■ Montana, to raise tobacco taxes to extend an existing Medicaid expansion.

■ North Dakota and Michigan, to legalize recreational use of marijuana, a step already taken by nine other states.

■ Utah, to legalize medical use of marijuana.

■ Michigan and Utah, to change the redistricting process, an issue also on the ballot in swing-state Colorado.

■ Florida, to restore the right to vote for most people with felony convictions upon completion of their sentences. The proposed constitutional amendment needs the support of 60 percent of voters to prevail; if that happens, an estimated 1.4 million Floridians could regain the right to vote.

The Democrats in Florida’s two high-

est-profile election contests support the amendment — gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum and Bill Nelson, who is seeking a fourth term in the U.S. Senate. Nelson’s GOP opponent, Gov. Rick Scott, opposes the amendment, as does Ron DeSantis, the Republican seeking to succeed Scott as governor.

The partisan pattern is reversed in two Democratic-leaning states, Oregon and Massachusetts, where conservatives are using the initiative process in a bid to overturn existing state policy.

The target in Massachusetts is a 2016 law extending nondiscrimination protections to transgender people in their use of public accommodations.

Conservatives in Oregon are targeting two policies — one that allows use of state funds to pay for low-income women’s abortions, the other forbidding law enforcement agencies from using state resources or personnel to arrest people whose only crime is being in the U.S. illegally.

Craig Burnett, a political science professor at Hofstra University, views the initiative process as a valuable tool for citizens disenchanted with their legislature.

“If it’s legislating much too far from where the people are in any direction — conservative or liberal — the initiative is one way to move it back to where the people are,” he said.

In all, there will be 157 measures on the Nov. 6 ballot in 37 states. As usual, most of the measures were placed on the ballot by state legislatures; there are 65 measures resulting from citizen campaigns.

GAO: Feds blindsided by border on migrants

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal immigration and health officials were blindsided by President Donald Trump’s “zero tolerance” policy on migrants crossing the southwest border, triggering a cascade of problems as agencies struggled with the fallout from family separations, congressional investigators said in a critical report issued Wednesday.

The investigation by the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office dissects the consequences of launching a major policy change without consulting with the agencies that have to carry it out. The report makes no recommendations as it reconstructs a turbulent episode for the Trump administration.

“Officials told us that the agencies did not take specific planning steps because they did not have advance notice,” the GAO found. “Officials we interviewed stated that they became aware of the April 2018 (‘zero tolerance’) memo when it was announced publicly.”

On April 6, Trump issued an executive order directing an end to “catch and release” at the border, a practice whereby migrants could be admitted into the country temporarily while their immigration claims were pending. That day, Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered federal prosecutors to adopt a “zero tolerance policy” for border crossers. Parents placed into criminal custody could not keep their children with them, so families were split.

The report focuses on Homeland Security agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Border Patrol, part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, along with the Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement, which traditionally has had responsibility for providing shelter for unaccompanied minors at the border. The HHS agency had a far different task this time because the children were deemed “unaccompanied minors” after the government had separated them from their parents.

In a formal response to the GAO report, Homeland Security highlighted progress reuniting families, improvements to its computer systems and better coordination with health officials. HHS did not provide a formal response.

Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., who requested the GAO investigation, said in a statement that it paints a picture of chaos and lack of internal communication within the Republican president’s administration.

WORLD

Turkey keeps up pressure on Saudi Arabia

By AYA BATRAWY
AND SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Turkey's president kept up pressure on Saudi Arabia on Wednesday as the kingdom's powerful crown prince was to address an international investment summit in Riyadh, his first such remarks since global outcry over the killing earlier this month of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Prince Mohammed bin Salman's anticipated remarks alongside other Arab leaders at the Future Investment Initiative summit in the Saudi capital come as the event, which debuted last year with global business titans in attendance, has been overshadowed by Khashoggi's slaying and the international outrage over it.

"We are determined not to allow the murderers to be covered up and for those responsible — from the person who gave the order to those who executed it — not to escape justice," Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in the capital, Ankara.

Erdogan has said that 15 Saudi officials arrived in Istanbul shortly before Khashoggi's death and that a man, apparently dressed in the writer's clothes, acted as a possible decoy by walking out of the consulate on the day of the disappearance.

Turkish officials say the 15 men comprised a Saudi hit squad that included a member of Mohammed's entourage on overseas trips.

Saudi Arabia has suggested, without offering evidence, that the team went rogue. However, no major decision in the kingdom is made without the approval of the crown prince or his father, King Salman.

Economists say Saudi Arabia will need trillions of dollars in

investments to create millions of new jobs for young Saudis entering the workforce in coming years. The investment forum is aimed at attracting investors to help underwrite that effort.

In the wake of Khashoggi's killing, many international business leaders and Western officials have pulled out of the forum. The event's first day saw several speakers acknowledge the killing of the Saudi writer whose columns criticized the crown prince's crackdown on dissent. Dozens of Saudi activists, writers, clerics and even women who were behind calls for the right to drive have been detained.

At one summit session, Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih described Khashoggi's slaying as "abhorrent."

Still, the event proved it could draw investments, with some \$55 billion in agreements pledged, much of that focused on Saudi Arabia's lucrative energy industry. Saudi Arabia is one of the world's largest exporters of oil, has the Arab world's largest economy and is a key emerging market.

Rather than cancel their participation altogether, some companies sent mid-level executives to keep lines of communication and business open with Saudi Arabia. Outside the ornate hall of the forum, there were hushed conversations over coffee and dates, and a flurry of business cards were being exchanged among participants.

There was a strong showing from Russian, Asian and African nations at the forum.

Several participants in attendance from the U.S., including a hedge fund manager and staff from a U.S. desalination company, declined to speak with The Associated Press at the forum, reflecting a general nervousness among business people from the U.S. who were in attendance.

Russia to target nations hosting US missiles

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin says the deployment of U.S. intermediate-range missiles in Europe would force Russia to target the nations hosting them.

Putin's stern warning on Wednesday followed U.S. President Donald Trump's weekend announcement that he intends to opt out of a landmark nuclear arms control pact over alleged Russian violations.

Putin rejected Trump's claim

that Russia breached the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. He alleged it was the United States that violated the agreement.

Putin says he hopes to discuss the issue with Trump in Paris on the sideline of Nov. 11 events marking 100 years since Armistice Day. He added that if the U.S. deploys intermediate-range missiles in Europe, Russia would have to respond by targeting the countries where the missiles are based.



MOISES CASTILLO/AP

Central American migrants traveling with a caravan to the U.S. walk holding national flags from Mexico and Honduras as they make their way to Mapastepec, Mexico, on Wednesday.

Thousands of migrants set out on a new quest to reach US border

By MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

HUIXTLA, Mexico — Thousands of Central American migrants renewed their hoped-for march to the United States on Wednesday, setting out before dawn with plans to travel another 45 miles of the more than 1,000 miles that still lie before them.

The five days of walking in the southernmost reaches of Mexico — after seven days in Honduras and Guatemala — were beginning to show. Mexican authorities said Wednesday that about 500 migrants had accepted an offer to be bused back to their countries. Many said they were sick or exhausted, especially the children who toddled or were carried along on the march.

Still, the size of the caravan — estimated by the United Nations at more than 7,000 strong — seemed basically undiminished as the throng set out in darkness cut by occasional flashlights or the spotlights of municipal police who were escorting them.

Rosa Duvon, of Cofradia Cortes in Honduras, was pushing two baby boys, both named Daniel — a son and a nephew — in a rickety donated baby carriage over potholes on the road at 5 a.m.

"This thing is going to die," she said of the carriage, pointing to a wobbly back wheel. Still, she vowed to keep going.

In worse condition was Maria del Carmen Mejia, of Copan, Honduras, who was already sweating profusely before dawn. She carried Britany Sofia Alvarado, 3, in her arms while she clutched the hand of Miralila Alejandra Alvarado, 7, who was also sweaty — and fevered.

Miralila "Isn't well, has a fever. Let's see if they give us a ride up ahead. I'm worried now," the mother said.

"But she too pledged to go on. 'I've walked a long way. I don't want to return. I want a better future for my children.'"

While the group has been discouraged by Mexico's government — and prompted threats of aid cutoffs for their homelands

from President Donald Trump — they have received an outpouring of help from locals as they pass by.

Neighbors have supplied the marchers — many of them largely penniless — with food and passers-by have stopped to give them rides in cars, pickups and even dump trucks.

Such caravans have taken place regularly, if on a smaller scale, over the years, but Trump has seized on the phenomenon this year and made it a rallying call for his Republican base ahead of Nov. 6 midterm elections.

Trump has blamed Democrats for what he said were weak immigration laws and claimed — with no evidence — that MS-13 gang members and unknown "Middle Easterners" were hiding among the migrants.

Trump later acknowledged there was "no proof" of the claim Middle Easterners were in the crowd. But he tweeted Wednesday that the U.S. "will never accept people coming into our Country illegally!"

Weakened Willa brings rain to Mexico

Associated Press

MAZATLAN, Mexico — Hurricane Willa weakened rapidly into a tropical depression on Wednesday after slamming into a stretch of beach towns, fishing villages and farms along Mexico's Pacific coast as a Category 3 storm, though it continued to dump torrential rains over west-central Mexico.

Damage assessments were scant before dawn due to darkness and poor communications, but federal officials said power had been knocked out in some spots and there were early reports of flimsy structures with tin roofs sustaining damage from the 120 mph winds.

Before hitting the mainland near Isla del Bosque in the state of Sinaloa, Willa swept over an offshore penal colony about 60 miles out in the Pacific. Authorities declined to comment on precautions that

were taken at the prison, citing security concerns, but said the safety of inmates was a priority.

The storm was rapidly losing punch over northern Mexico and was down to tropical depression status before dawn, with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph — down from its Category 5 peak of 155 mph over the Pacific on Monday.

Still, concern about the rains led Durango state to say it was evacuating 200 people threatened by possible spills from the Santa Elena dam.

Willa was centered about 75 miles east-northeast of Durango, Mexico, and heading to the northeast at 25 mph. It was expected to dissipate later in the day, despite dumping heavy rains.

Willa came ashore about 50 miles southeast of Mazatlan, a resort city that is home to high-rise hotels and about 500,000 people, including many U.S. and Canadian expatriates.

FACES

His OWN take

With 'Mid90s,' actor Jonah Hill is now a first-time director

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

Jonah Hill has always wanted to direct. He worships filmmakers and has treated what he describes as an "accidental" but "wonderful" 15-year acting career as a partial film school, learning from people like Bennett Miller, who directed him in "Moneyball," and Martin Scorsese on "The Wolf of Wall Street." But Hill didn't just want to make any film, he wanted to have something to say, and the confidence and "emotional maturity" required to lead people.

He settled on a coming-of-age story, which he laughs is a "tried and true" formula for a first film. It's about a 13-year-old boy, Stevie (Sunny Suljic), growing up in Los Angeles with a single mother (Katherine Waterston) and an older brother (Lucas Hedges) who finds solace (and quite a bit of trouble) with local skateboarders.

It took Hill three years to write "Mid90s," which is playing in limited release before it expands statewide. For the shoot, he and his crew painstakingly recre-



Jonah Hill, right, talks with cast members Lucas Hedges, left, and Sunny Suljic during the filming of "Mid90s." Hill wrote and directed the movie.

TORIN YELLAND/A24 via AP

ated the mid-'90s Los Angeles he remembers, from the music, to the clothes, the talk and even the trash. "A Doritos bag has a wildly different shape and aesthetic now than it did in 1995," Hill says.

Hill spoke to the AP about the film and what he was trying to say. Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

The Associated Press: What was the genesis of this idea?

Jonah Hill: Well, I grew up skateboarding in the mid-'90s in Los Angeles. It is in no way a biopic or an autobiography, but I knew skateboarding would play in some way into my first film because although I was terrible at it, it was something that came into my life when I really needed it and really gave me a lens that I saw most things through, even when I went into comedy or

film, it's subversive; it's anti; it's punk; its sense of humor, taste in music, attitude toward authority (laughs). And to me, skateboarding is always butchered in film. It's always done stereotypically, made by people who weren't from the culture a lot of the time.

I feel like I certainly learned something about how teenage boys are together from this film.

These kids speak in a way I don't agree with; they treat women in a way I don't agree with. But they also are very much there for one another. There's good and bad to people. It's not black and white. And things like homophobia and toxic masculinity and treatment of women, even though I don't agree with these things, they were things I noticed growing up that I wanted to show as un-

AP: How did you settle on Sunny for the lead?
Jonah Hill: He had the exact quality I was looking for, which was someone who was very young for their age but who was 10 feet tall inside. He was the first kid we read, and after he did this scene [of yelling at his mom in the car], everyone was like, oh this isn't just a good child actor, this is a great actor of any age or gender. He was 11 when we shot. I'm 34 and have been acting for 15 years and have never had to strap a movie on my back and walk across the field with it, and he did it at 11. He's a freak of nature. He's remarkable.

flinchingly as possible so people could decide for themselves where they fall on that line. To me, it's really ugly and it's really hard to watch a lot of it. That's by design. And I think it's interesting to watch it with a crowd of people. You do see people laughing at moments I never would have expected or flinching at moments, and it's important to see the truth even if it sucks. And there's the example of Steve's first sexual experience. I wanted to show how terrified he was, and the only moment that becomes enjoyable to him is when he realizes it's currency to rise up in the animal kingdom of his friends ... those were lessons I saw growing up that we clearly as a society are having to unlearn.

So this is a commentary on masculinity?

Yes, I'm someone who is highly sensitive and emotional, and has come a long way in my life in a sense of learning who I am and a sense of being able to communicate my feelings thoughtfully and openly. And part of the humor, part of the harshness, part of the ugliness, part of the joy is watching these people who cannot communicate with one another. And ultimately they teach each other lots of bad lessons and lots of good ones. And part of the humor, up to me, it's up to the individual watching. I have my own feelings, but I don't like moralist filmmakers. I don't want to be one. I don't want to be showing my views down everyone's throats. "Wolf of Wall Street" is a great example of how people there (and Scorsese) was celebrating our characters. I can speak for myself. I thought those people were terrible, but you know, (Scorsese's) like, it's not my job to do that.

Why did you focus in on a lower-class setting?

Skateboarding for myself, personally, it broke me out of a socio-economic bubble that I would have stayed in my whole life. And skateboarding, like a lot of things, unifies people; it's common ground.

Drake surpasses the Beatles for most top 10 hits in a year

From wire reports

By any measure, Drake is an inescapable force in pop music. But now one can credibly argue that he's having one of the best years on the charts of any artist or group in modern history.

With his new cameo on Bad Bunny's smash hit "Mia," the rapper notched his 12th appearance on a Billboard top 10 single in 2018. That sets a new record over the prior landmark set by the Beatles in their world-conquering year of 1964.

Drake's remarkable 2018 run includes solo staples such as "God's Plan," "Nice for What" and "In My Feelings," each of which spent significant time at No. 1.

His collaborations with Migos on "Walk It Talk It," Lil Baby on "Yes Indeed" and BlocBoy JB on "Look Alive" helped push him past the Beatles' previous record of 11 singles that made the top 10. So now when he wants to stare up at the stars and put the Beatles on, he can do so with an extra little glimmer of triumph.

Megyn Kelly apologizes for suggesting blackface OK

NBC's Megyn Kelly swiftly apologized

Tuesday for a morning show segment that questioned why dressing up in blackface for a Halloween costume is wrong.

Following a social media backlash, Kelly wrote in an email to NBC News colleagues that she realized such behavior is wrong, that the history of blackface in culture is abhorrent.

On her morning show, the news host said that dressing up in blackface was OK when she was a kid as long as you were impersonating a character. She questioned why it had been considered racist when a character on "The Real Housewives of New York" darkened her skin for a Diana Ross costume.

In her email, Kelly said that she'd never been a "PC" person, "but I understand that we do need to be more sensitive in this day and age. Particularly on race and ethnicity issues which, far from being healed, have been exacerbated in our politics over the past year. This is a time for more understanding, love, sensitivity and honor, and I want to be part of that," she wrote.

WWE star Roman Reigns announces he has leukemia

WWE wrestler Roman Reigns says he will step away from the ring because he has

leukemia. The 33-year-old Reigns, whose real name is Joe Anoa'i, made the announcement Monday to open the episode of "Raw." He was originally diagnosed in 2008 at age 22, though he quickly went into remission. He's been fighting the disease since.

Anoa'i, who played football at Georgia Tech, has appeared in the last four main events at WrestleMania. The WWE's universal champion said during the announcement that he plans on returning to the ring when he gets healthy.

"Reigns is taking his battle with leukemia public in an effort to raise awareness and funds for research in order to advance cures for the disease," WWE said in a statement.

Other news

■ **"To Kill a Mockingbird,"** a coming-of-age story about racism and injustice, overpowered wizards and time travelers to be voted America's best-loved novel by readers nationwide. The 1960 book by Harper Lee emerged as No. 1 in PBS' "The Great American Read" survey, whose results were announced Tuesday. More than 4 million votes were cast in the six-month-long contest that put 100 titles to the test.

The other top-five finishers in order of votes were Diana Gabaldon's Outlander series; J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter boy wizard tales; Jane Austen's romance "Pride and Prejudice"; and J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings fantasy saga.

■ **Rapper Eminem** is being sued for sampling a **Tracy Chapman** song without permission. Chapman filed a copyright infringement lawsuit Monday in Los Angeles federal court. The Grammy-winning singer says Eminem's unreleased track "Sorry" incorporates the lyrics and vocal melody from her 1988 single "Baby Can I Hold You." The lawsuit states the singer repeatedly denied requests to sample her song.

■ **Taylor Swift** has donated \$15,500 to a GoFundMe account of a fan whose family is struggling with medical bills.

■ **Producer Ryan Murphy** donated \$10 million to Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where his son Ford Theodore Miller Murphy has been treated for pediatric cancer over the last two years.

■ **The motion picture academy** has tapped Oscar-winning producer **Donna Gigliotti** to produce next year's Academy Awards. Glenn Weiss will co-produce and direct the show.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Program seeks to put 'squeegee kids' in jobs

MD BALTIMORE — Youngsters known as "squeegee kids" who wash car windows while darting in and out of traffic found from struggling to conventional employment under a privately-funded program proposed by Baltimore's mayor.

Mayor Catherine Pugh said roughly \$2 million per year over the next two years can be raised to enroll 100 youngsters in a training program while providing stipends. In a Baltimore Sun op-ed Tuesday, Pugh wrote that she's "confident we can put forth a sustainable program."

Controversy is perennial over Baltimore's "squeegee kids." Some say cracking down on the youth would serve to discourage an entrepreneurial spirit. Others say their activity more accurately resembles extortion.

766 acres of woods can be yours for \$9.95M

VT STOWE — A property with forests, meadows and beaver ponds in one of Vermont's most desirable towns can be yours for a cool \$9.95 million.

The 766-acre parcel in Stowe abuts more than 13,000 acres of the C.C. Putnam State Forest and the Worcester Mountains.

Rich Gardner, of RE/MAX North Professionals, told the Burlington Free Press that the property is owned by siblings living in Kentucky, Georgia and Florida. The property has been in the family for years, but the siblings are ready to sell.

The Stowe Land Trust said it would love to see the land preserved. But the parcel may be too expensive.

Police: Man poured maple syrup on cruiser

NH RINDGE — Police in New Hampshire are seeking the public's help in identifying a man who poured maple syrup on a police cruiser.

Rindge police said the maple syrup pourer may be connected to a string of other acts of vandalism that happened around town. WMUR-TV reported that police have said a couch was set on fire, trash cans were thrown around and a mailbox sign was vandalized in recent weeks.

Police are seeking about 30 people in connection with all the acts.

Gassy suspect guilty of gun, drug charges

MO KANSAS CITY — A man whose excessive flatulence forced a police detective to cut an interrogation short has been found guilty to federal gun and drug charges.

The Kansas City Star reported that Sean Sykes Jr., 25, entered the plea Monday. The charges stem from a police traffic stop in September in Kansas City in which officers found a backpack with drugs and guns. Sykes was a passenger in the vehicle. When a detective reported that when

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The approximate number of cigarettes authorities said a dozen people collaborated to smuggle from Virginia to New York City to resell them, dodging more than \$1.3 million in city and New York state taxes. New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood announced Monday that 12 people were indicted on charges including tax fraud and money laundering. Underwood said the group transported about 740 cartons of untaxed smokes per week from Virginia to the ringleaders' Staten Island home. The cigarettes were then resold to retail shops in Staten Island and Queens. New York city and state cigarette taxes total \$5.85 per pack, among the highest rates nationwide.



OCTAVIO JONES, TAMPA BAY (FLA.) TIMES/AP

Flying on a brisk breeze

Kiteboarders take advantage of a brisk breeze and clear skies on Tampa Bay in Tampa, Fla., on Monday.

asked for his address, Sykes "leaned to one side of his chair and released a loud fart before answering." Court documents say Sykes "continued to be flutulent," and the detective was forced to quickly end the interview.

Man rescues kitten glued to busy road

OR SILVERTON — An Oregon man said he found a 5-week-old kitten glued to a busy road.

KPTV said Chuck Hawley rescued the kitten, which had some sort of glue on its paws, neck and tail.



Veterinarian Jenny Bate said it's clear the glue was intentionally put on the kitten's paws. She was able to remove

the glue using mineral oil, and the kitten should fully recover.

Hawley said it's incredible the kitten wasn't hit by a car. He saw several vehicles drive over it before he could rescue it.

Hawley told KPTV he and his wife will adopt the kitten. They have named it Sticky.

Police: Boy, 14, stole Maserati from house

CT GREENWICH — Police have charged a boy, 14, with stealing a Maserati from a home in Connecticut in April.

Greenwich police arrested the teen Friday in Waterbury.

Police told the Greenwich Times the teen is accused of stealing the 2017 Maserati Levante from a home in the affluent town's Cos Cob neighborhood.

The teen has been charged with larceny and burglary.

The Maserati Levante has a base price of close to \$75,000.

Firefighters rescue pet stuck in heating duct

VA WEST SPRINGFIELD — It wasn't a cat in a tree but a dog in a heating duct that took firefighters to a home in Virginia.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department arrived Friday night to find the small dog trapped in the HVAC system. Video shows firefighter Mark Williams cutting a hole in the basement ceiling to retrieve the dog. The department says it was a "happy and pawisitive outcome for all!"

Police body camera explodes; no one hurt

NY NEW YORK — The New York City Police Department has suspended use of a model of body camera after one exploded.

The NYPD said an officer noticed smoke coming from the Vievu LE-5 body camera on Saturday night. The officer removed it, and the device exploded. No one was injured.

The NYPD said the explosion revealed a potential for the battery to ignite and that 2,990 LE-5 cameras are being removed out of an abundance of caution.

Officers using other models will continue to wear them.

Snake named after professor, biologist

LA NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana professor is his head company, honored by having one of three newly identified species of snakes from the Galapagos Islands named after him.

"They named one after Charles Darwin — that's a no-brainer — and one after the Greek god of fire and one after me, of all people," said Robert A. Thomas, an environmental biologist and head

of the Center for Environmental Communication at Loyola University New Orleans.

The snake in question, a handsome critter with lengthy brown and creamy yellow stripes, is called *Pseudalsophis thomasi*.

280 pounds of cocaine found amid blackberries

MI PORT HURON — More than 280 pounds of cocaine was found in a truck hauling blackberries from Port Huron to Sarnia, Ontario, in Canada.

The Detroit News reported that the Canadian driver was charged Monday in a federal complaint after agents seized the drugs Sunday in a tractor-trailer at the Blue Water Bridge.

The complaint says the driver told U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers that the blackberries were from Mexico but he had picked them up in Texas. Investigators found 112 packages of cocaine in four boxes.

The driver's travel records show he had crossed into the United States in the same truck 25 times since April.

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OPINION

McCaskill might have 1 last magic trick

By DAVID VON DREHLE
The Washington Post

Fans of old-fashioned political gamesmanship recall the virtuoso turn by Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri, a Democrat who spent more than \$1.5 million on the Republican primary in 2012. Like Br'er Rabbit pleading not to be thrown into the briar patch, McCaskill "warned" opposition voters not to pick hard-line conservative Todd Akin to run against her. Naturally, the more ads she bought to denounce Akin for being too far right, the more primary votes he attracted. Akin won the nomination, then blew the election with a series of underheated mistakes and bizarre pronouncements — just as McCaskill suspected he would.

That's one way for a Democrat to survive in an increasingly Republican state. But it's the sort of gambit that works only once. Six years later, McCaskill is back on the ballot, seeking a third term — this time through plain old hard work. It's not clear that will be enough. President Donald Trump carried Missouri by 19 percentage points in 2016, and Republican elders handpicked a challenger who is about as mistake-prone as IBM's Watson.

Together, these two factors make McCaskill one of the most vulnerable incumbents in the Senate. And whatever faint hopes the Democrats still cherish of winning a majority in that chamber on Nov. 6 divide to nil if she can't hold her seat.

McCaskill, 65, is up against a bright young man with large ambitions named Josh Hawley, Missouri's attorney general for what seems like about 15 minutes. Though he promised voters in 2016 that he

had no immediate plans to pursue higher office, the media had the staying power of instructions at the start of a "Mission: Impossible" movie.

You can't blame his party for boosting him up the ladder. Hawley, 38, has clear eyes, hair that appears parted with a laser-guided comb and the sort of photo-ready family you might see inside a store-bought picture frame. Below the surface is a résumé to match. He attended the same elite Catholic boys school in Kansas City that produced Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., then dazzled professors at Stanford University on his way to Yale Law School. Elite clerks, including a term at the Supreme Court under Chief Justice John Roberts, might have marked him for a lifetime of appellate law. But the case he was most interested in arguing was his own.

And he does it very effectively. Though Hawley embraces the volatile Trump, who has been to Missouri three times already to campaign for him, he eschews Trump's style of blunt-force trauma in favor of a more polished approach. On the air, Hawley supporters bash McCaskill as a rich, out-of-touch hypocrite, but Hawley did not dare during their debate last week in St. Louis. Instead, he repeatedly attacked McCaskill for being a member of public service while concluding almost sorrowfully that the on-ions have turned her into just another "party-line liberal." He moved easily from his lectern to draw near to each audience member who stood to ask a question and took particular interest in getting their names right.

The thing is, it's hard to outflank McCaskill in this down-to-earth business. Though total spending on this campaign is likely to soar past \$100 million, the centerpiece of McCaskill's strategy has been

a string of more than 50 town hall meetings that drew taken her to cities, burgs and hamlets all over the Show Me State. A campaign video shows her driving herself to one such meeting after baking cookies for her grandchildren.

In many of these sessions, she's courting the Trump-McCaskill voter — an elusive creature, one might think, though polls suggest there are enough to make this a very close race. This strategy is based on her oft-stated belief that people respect a candidate who will come to them in person — especially a candidate with whom they disagree. But the approach raises two questions for her: Is there enough of this species to return her to the Senate? And will her dogged pursuit of the middle sap enthusiasm from her Democratic base in the major cities that bookend the state, St. Louis and Kansas City?

As for issues: health care, health care, health care. McCaskill charges Hawley with dangerous grandstanding in his lawsuit to overturn the Affordable Care Act. Hawley claims McCaskill is a hidebound liberal in her defense of "Obamacare." In their debate they sparred over Trump's border wall — though they agreed on the need for more border security — and parted ways on the wisdom of tariffs. "China started it," Hawley said of Trump's trade war. "But if we're going to be in a trade war, we better win it."

But in these closing weeks, the campaign isn't really about issues. It's about whether a competent Republican can win in this solidly GOP state — or will Claire McCaskill pull one more rabbit from her hat?

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Why don't GOP women run the way Democrats do?

By KATHLEEN PARKER
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Slowly but inevitably, the two major political parties have become the party of women and the party of men — guess which is which — so that the 2018 midterms are shaping up as a climactic battle in the war between the sexes.

This is largely the Trump Effect — his attitude and remarks toward and about women — as well as the recent Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Brett Kavanaugh.

Democrats were already *woman-ing* the berrie after Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in 2016. But the Kavanaugh kerfuffle fired up Republicans — men and women — as well.

Republican men, on the whole, were appalled by Kavanaugh's treatment and are expected to express themselves accordingly at the polls. Republican suburban women, by generally still not liking Trump, nonetheless welcomed the FBI investigation requested by Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz. Largely satisfied with the results, they're back on board to vote against Democrats. In other words, thanks in part to Flake, voter intensity on the right has more or less balanced the intensity on the left.

These days, the running head of GOP Chamberlain, president and CEO of the Republican Main Street Partnership, a 70-member coalition of moderate GOP representatives who seek common-sense solutions to issues everyone cares about.

Without a doubt, women are at the center of the 2018 elections. More women, mostly Democrats, are running than ever before. Of the 56 who are challenging incumbents,

47 are Democrats and nine are Republicans. Of those Democrats, however, 31 are in solid Republican districts, six are in districts "likely" to stay Republican and seven are in districts that "lean" Republican, according to CNN polling. All nine Republican women are in solidly Democratic districts.

Regardless of whether they prevail next month, women on both sides have been "used" to push for particular policies they need for more women to participate in the conduct of the country. This is especially true on the Republican side, with their much smaller number of female elected officials. There are six Republican women in the Senate and 23 in the House, contrasted to the Democrats' 17 in the Senate and 61 in the House.

Why, people always ask, don't Republican women run the way Democrats do?

Partly, they're often culturally disassociated from the *sturm und drang* of politics. Many who might have run in 2018 decided not to because of the increasingly nasty environment, surmises Rachel Pearson, a Republican fundraiser and consultant. Casting insight into Republican women specifically, she recalls being invited to several parties for a Bloody Mary before the 2017 Women's March. She laughs as she recounts having declined because, "We don't march."

As Republican women don't — though, of course, the March for Life draws plenty of conservative women. Her meaning was more metaphorical and may speak to why Democratic women are so much more successful in politics than their Republican counterparts. They make noise. They're scrappier and more willing to take to the streets, to shout in protest at agitators and activists. Plainly, it's time for Repub-

lican women to kick off their heels, pull on their boots and get busy. But anyone hoping for a kinder and gentler country may have to wait a while.

Things will only get worse in 2020, Chamberlain predicts. Not only is Trump running for re-election, which will excite both political bases, but the president isn't likely to chill his rhetoric, which surely will be directed at many of the female Democratic hopefuls.

Democratic women, meanwhile, are light-years ahead of Republicans in organization, recruiting and fundraising, thanks in large part to EMILY's List, the political action committee founded by Ellen Malcolm in 1985 to elect pro-choice women. Malcolm's vision of supporting only pro-choice women was brilliant and has resulted in a pro-choice imbalance on the right.

"I'm afraid pro-choice Republican women have lost their voice on this issue," said Pearson.

Women in state offices tend to be more vocal on choice and other issues, said Chamberlain. "We need to bring them out of the woodwork."

One could argue that increasing the number of Republican women in Congress would be good for the country as a matter of balance and diversity. What is needed, said Chamberlain, is "a [Michael] Bloomberg kind of money."

Toward that end, surely, some wealthy benefactors have enough vision to see the value in lending financial support to such a cause? Men, bless their hearts, have held the reins of power for long enough.

How about it, philanthropists? Spare a dime — or \$100 million?

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Target plans to offer 2-day holiday shipping

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Target will be offering for the first time two-day shipping with no minimum purchase this holiday, raising the stakes in the delivery war during the busiest shopping season of the year.

The offer, announced Tuesday, will start Nov. 1 and end Dec. 22. It's part of the retailer's overall strategy to bolster its delivery services from curbside pickup to same-day delivery for customers

as it competes with such rivals as Walmart and online leader Amazon.

The move comes as the Minneapolis-based retailer has been reporting strong sales growth both at stores and online, helped in part by its online delivery services as well as its efforts to remodel stores.

"Our approach this holiday is to make it easier for our guests," Brian Cornell, CEO of Target told reporters at a holiday briefing in Manhattan.

With last year's \$550 million acquisition of delivery service Shipt, Target has expanded its same-day delivery of groceries and other merchandise to 200 markets, up from 160 markets in August.

It's also expanding its curbside pickup service to nearly 1,000 stores by the end of this month, ahead of schedule.

Target has been a laggard when it comes to two-day delivery.

In January 2017, Walmart began offering two-day shipping for online purchases over \$35 on

millions of frequently purchased items like household essentials.

With its annual Prime membership of \$119, Amazon customers receive two-day shipping, along with other perks like movie and music streaming services.

In previous holiday seasons, Target had waived the shipping fee and offered free shipping but there was no time frame.

In March, it announced two-day shipping on hundreds of thousands of items for shoppers who spend \$35 or more.

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Apple CEO Cook endorses tough privacy laws

By KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The head of Apple on Wednesday endorsed tough privacy laws for both Europe and the U.S. and renewed the technology giant's commitment to protecting personal data, which he warned was being "weaponized" against users.

Speaking at an international conference on data privacy, Apple CEO Tim Cook applauded European Union authorities for bringing in a strict new data privacy law this year and said the iPhone maker fully supports a U.S. federal privacy law.

Cook's remarks, along with comments that were due later from Google and Facebook top bosses, in the European Union's home base in Brussels, underscore how the U.S. tech giants are jostling to curry favor in the region as regulators tighten their scrutiny.

Data protection has become a major political issue worldwide,

and European regulators have led the charge in setting new rules for the big internet companies.

The EU's new laws on data privacy require companies to change the way they do business in the region, and a number of headline-grabbing data breaches have raised public awareness of the issue.

"In many jurisdictions, regulators are asking tough questions. It is time for rest of the world, including my home country, to follow your lead," Cook said.

"We at Apple are in full support of a comprehensive federal privacy law in the United States," he said, to applause from hundreds of privacy officials from more than 70 countries.

In the U.S., California is moving to put in regulations similar to the EU's strict rules by 2020 and other states are mulling more aggressive laws. That rattled the big tech companies, which are pushing for a federal law that would treat them more leniently.

Cook warned that technology's promise to drive breakthroughs that benefit humanity is at risk of being overshadowed by the harm it can cause by deepening division and spreading false information.

He said the trade in personal information "has exploded into a data industrial complex."

"Our own information, from the everyday to the deeply personal, is being weaponized against us with military efficiency," he said.

Cook's appearance seems set to one-up his tech rivals and show off his company's credentials in data privacy, which has become a weak point for both Facebook and Google.

"With the spotlight shining as directly as it is, Apple have the opportunity to show that they are the leading player and they are taking up the mantle," said Ben Robson, a lawyer at Ourry Clark specializing in data privacy. Cook's appearance "is going to have good currency," with officials, he added.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Google head Sundar Pichai were scheduled to address by video the annual meeting of global data privacy chiefs. Only Cook, who has been outspoken on protecting user privacy, attended in person.

He has repeatedly said that privacy is a "fundamental human right" and vowed his company wouldn't sell ads based on customer data the way companies like Facebook do.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 25)	\$1.1714
Dollar buys (Oct. 25)	69.8537
British pound (Oct. 25)	\$1.33
Japanese yen (Oct. 25)	110.60
South Korean won (Oct. 25)	1,105.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.2922
Canada (Dollar)	1.3064
China (Yuan)	6.9430
Denmark (Krone)	6.5475
Egypt (Pound)	17.9158
Euro	\$1.1395/0.8776
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8419
Hungary (Forint)	253.49
Israel (Shekel)	3.6838
Japan (Yen)	112.61
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3036
Norway (Krone)	8.3283
Philippines (Peso)	53.77
Poland (Zloty)	3.78
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7507
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3601
South Korea (Won)	1,135.33
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9985
Thailand (Baht)	32.89
Turkey (New Lira)	5.6912

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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federated funds market rate	1.19
3-month bill	2.27
30-year bond	3.36

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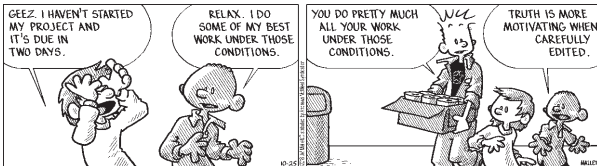
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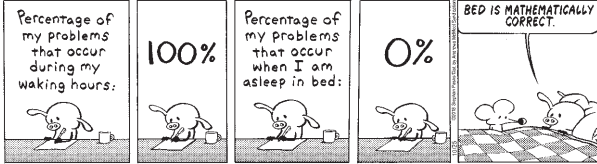


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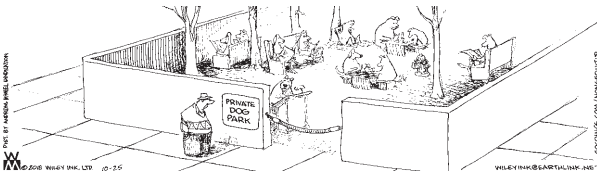
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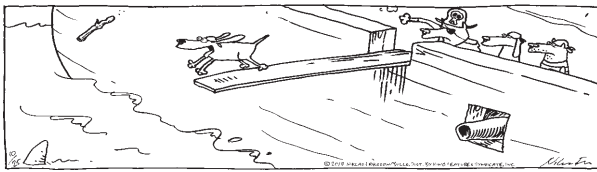
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 5 Tax prep pro
- 8 Alike (Fr.)
- 12 Actress Goldie
- 13 City area, for short
- 14 Cisterns
- 15 Writer James
- 16 Cartoon frame
- 17 Austen novel
- 18 Department
- 20 Papa Hemingway
- 22 Zodiac animal
- 23 Jungfrau, e.g.
- 24 Has a bug
- 27 "Like a Rolling Stone" singer
- 32 Airport screening org.
- 33 College URL ender
- 34 Paris pal
- 35 Nautical ropes
- 38 Uppity one
- 39 Gen.'s underling
- 40 24 hours
- 42 Warnings
- 45 New York city
- 49 Lingerie fabric
- 50 Short trip
- 52 Ran in the wash
- 53 Mine, in Marseille
- 54 Yoko of music
- 55 Norway's capital
- 56 Top of the head
- 57 Drench
- 58 Cambodia neighbor

DOWN

- 1 Melville captain
- 2 Pasta sauce brand
- 3 Pitcher
- 4 Derivative looks
- 5 Salad ingredient
- 6 Opposite of "post."
- 7 Competent
- 8 With uniformity
- 9 Strategy
- 10 \$ dispensers
- 11 Aspiring atty.'s exam
- 19 Battery size
- 21 "Awesomel"
- 24 Pac, counterpart
- 25 "Patience — virtue"
- 26 Round Table knight
- 28 Quirky
- 29 Greyhound's home?
- 30 I love (Lat.)
- 31 Pen tip
- 36 Terrier type
- 37 PC key
- 38 Emblem
- 41 Pacino of "Serpico"
- 42 Now, in a memo
- 43 Peru's capital
- 44 Broadway offering
- 46 "Casablanca" role
- 47 Move, in Realtor-speak
- 48 Big fusses
- 51 Low digit

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Oilers goaltender Cam Talbot reacts as the Penguins' Sidney Crosby scores the first period on Tuesday.

Crosby dazzles in OT

Nifty move lifts Penguins to 6-5 win over Oilers

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Sidney Crosby isn't about to let the younger stars of the game pass him by.

It was vintage Crosby on Tuesday night as he made a slick move through two defenders, skated through the slot and lifted a backhand into the net at 2:12 of overtime to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 6-5 victory over Connor McDavid and the Edmonton Oilers.

"Listen, I'm not changing the way I play," Crosby said.

Crosby opened the scoring in the first period and his second goal of the season was the winner. Crosby moved from the left boards, slipped the puck through a defender's legs, moved past Oilers goalie Cam Talbot and lifted a backhand shot over Talbot's glove for the win.

"I'm going out there every night to try and create things, and come up with big plays when they're needed," Crosby said. "I'm not any different than [McDavid] is as far as understanding my responsibility, and wanting to be at my best."

Despite the hype ahead of the matchup that pitted two of the game's brightest stars in McDavid and Crosby, Pittsburgh head coach Mike Sullivan said Crosby just put his head down and got the job done.

"He doesn't really get caught up in a lot of the story lines from game to game regardless of who we play," he said. "He's just a real good player that tries to be the best that he can be. I thought he had a great game, he gets two goals. The overtime goal was one of the prettiest goals that I've seen."

Jamie Oleksiak and Patrick Hemmelt also had two goal games for the Penguins, who have

won two straight.

Leon Draisaitl and Alex Chiasson each scored twice, while Connor McDavid had the other for the Oilers (3-3-1), who lost their second straight.

"I felt that we deserved those two points tonight," Oilers forward Milan Lucic said. "I think we are trending in the right direction as far as our game goes. We are starting to get contributions from other guys throughout the lineup. I feel we are one mistake less from taking that stride to that next level."

Matt Murray had 41 saves in the win, while Talbot kicked out 25 shots in the loss.

Coyotes 4, Blue Jackets 1
Christian Fischer got his first career hat trick, Darcy Kuemper stopped 35 shots and visiting Arizona rallied to beat Columbus.

Fischer scored in all three periods to help the Coyotes beat Columbus for the first time in the past seven tries dating to 2015. Derek Stepan got the primary assist on all three.

Rangers 5, Panthers 2: Mats Zuccarello and Mike Zibanejad each scored twice, helping host New York snap a two-game losing streak.

Kevin Hayes also scored, Neal Pionk added two assists and Alexander Georgiev made 36 saves for New York, which collected its third win of the young season.

Canadiens 3, Flames 2: Jeff Petry and Jonathan Drouin each had a goal and an assist as host Montreal won for the fourth time in five games.

Brendan Gallagher also scored for the Canadiens, who have lost once in eight games this season. Carey Price made 21 saves and tied Patrick Roy for second place in team history for most wins by a goaltender with 289.

Bruins 4, Senators 1: David

Pastinak had two goals and two assists, and Patrice Bergeron added a goal and two assists for visiting Boston.

The Bruins (5-2-2) snapped a three-game skid and beat the Senators for the second time this season.

Thomas Chabot scored the lone goal for the Senators (4-3-1), who saw their three-game winning streak end to wrap a season high five-game homestand with a 3-2-0 record as they depart for a three-game trip Thursday.

Stars 4, Kings 2: Jason Spezza and John Klingberg each had a goal and an assist, and host Dallas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Eight Dallas players had at least one point; Devin Shore finished with two assists. Ben Bishop made 31 saves for Dallas, which never rallied.

Anze Kopitar and Tyler Toffoli scored second-period goals for the Kings, who lost their fifth straight. Jonathan Quick stopped 19 shots for Los Angeles.

Blackhawks 3, Ducks 1: Patrick Kane scored in the third period, Corey Crawford made 24 saves and host Chicago handed Anaheim its third straight loss.

Brandon Saad also scored his first two goals of the season, helping Chicago improve to 1-1 on a three-game homestand.

The Ducks have just four goals during their slide.

Sharks 5, Predators 4: Brent Burns scored with 2:52 remaining to cap a rally from a late two-goal deficit, and visiting San Jose beat Nashville.

The Sharks cooled off the NHL's hottest team, ending the Predators' five-game winning streak.

Tomas Hertl, Timo Meier, Brenden Dillon, and Joe Pavelski also scored for the Sharks, who won their third straight.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	9	3	1	2	27	21
Toronto	9	6	3	0	12	34
Boston	9	2	2	2	11	24
Tampa Bay	7	5	1	1	11	28
Buffalo	9	5	4	0	10	22
Ottawa	9	4	4	1	9	29
Detroit	7	1	3	3	5	23
Florida	9	2	4	0	4	20

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	9	5	3	1	11	29
Pittsburgh	9	5	2	2	10	26
Washington	8	4	2	2	10	34
New Jersey	6	4	1	2	10	26
Columbus	8	4	4	0	8	24
Philadelphia	9	4	5	0	9	31
N.Y. Rangers	9	3	5	1	7	24
N.Y. Islanders	7	3	4	0	6	20

Western Conference

Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	9	6	1	2	14	33
Colorado	9	6	1	2	14	33
Winnipeg	9	5	2	2	13	24
Chicago	9	5	2	2	13	33
Minnesota	8	4	2	2	10	24
Dallas	8	4	4	0	8	23
St. Louis	8	2	3	3	7	25

Pacific Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	9	3	3	1	11	25
Anaheim	10	5	4	1	11	25
Calgary	9	4	4	0	8	21
Vancouver	9	5	4	0	10	27
Edmonton	8	4	4	0	8	18
Vancouver	7	3	3	1	7	18
Arizona	8	3	5	0	6	15
Los Angeles	9	2	5	1	5	17

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Teams in parentheses in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday's games

Colorado 4, Philadelphia 1
Columbus 5, Vancouver 2

Tuesday's games

Florida 4, Columbus 1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Florida 2

Wednesday's games

Arizona 4, Los Angeles 2
Pittsburgh 6, Edmonton 5, OT

Thursday's games

Toronto at Winnipeg
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders
Dallas at Colorado
Vancouver at Vegas

Friday's games

Tampa Bay at Vegas
San Jose at Carolina
Winnipeg at Detroit
Ottawa at Chicago

Saturday

Penguins 6, Oilers 5 (OT)

Pittsburgh 1 1 1 1-6
Edmonton 1 1 2 0-5

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Crosby 1 (Kessel, Letang), 10:58 (pp).

Second Period—1, Edmonton, Draisaitl 3 (Russell, Nugent-Hopkins), 10:36; 3, Edmonton, Chiasson 2 (Draisaitl, McDavid), 11:15; 5, Pittsburgh, Horvath 2 (Tobin, McDavid), 11:24.

Third Period—8, Edmonton, McDavid 5 (Kudryavtsev, Horvath, McDavid), 4:18 (pp); 10, Pittsburgh, Oleksiak 3 (Cullen, Horvath), 4:24.

Overtime—11, Pittsburgh, Crosby 2 (Johnston, Horvath), 11:17-1:14-46.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 18-10-2-31; Edmonton 21-17-11-46.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 3; Edmonton 2 of 5.

Goalsies—Pittsburgh 1-1-1-46 (46 shots-35 saves); Edmonton 2-1-3-31 (31 shots-27 saves). T-2:42.

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Rangers 5, Panthers 2

Florida 1 0 1-2
N.Y. Rangers 3 0 3-5

First Period—1, Florida, Troick 3 (Huberdeau, Dadoon), 18:15 (pp).

Second Period—2, N.Y. Rangers, Zibanejad 4 (McDavid, 3:10 SH), 3, N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 1 (Zibanejad, Pionk), 11:36 (pp); 4, N.Y. Rangers, Zibanejad 5 (Pionk, Kreider), 16:08 (pp).

Third Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 2 (Zibanejad, 12:12); 7, Florida, Hoffman 3 (Ekblad, Huberdeau), 10:37; 7, N.Y. Rangers, Hayes 1 (Zibanejad), 19:08.

Shots on Goal—Florida 14-10-14-38. N.Y. Rangers 5-12-5-22.

Power-play opportunities—Florida 1 of 4; N.Y. Rangers 2 of 6.

Goalsies—Florida 1-1-2-19 (19 shots-15 saves), Reimer 0-2-1 (2-2). N.Y. Rangers, Goalie 1-1-0 (38-36). T-17:015 (18:00). T-2:32.

Stars 4, Kings 2

Dallas 0 2 0-2
Los Angeles 2 1 1-4

First Period—1, Dallas, Comeau 1 (Spezza, Dickinson), 5:14.

Second Period—2, Dallas, Spezza 2 (Dowling, Shore), 8:59; 3, Dallas, Kopitar 3 (Dowling, Shore), 4, Dallas, Klingberg 5 (Shore), 14:26; 5, Los Angeles, Toffoli 3 (Horton, Bergeron), 19:28.

Third Period—6, Dallas, Pittick 1 (Seguin, Klingberg), 4:23 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Dallas 9-12-12-31. Los Angeles 6-13-23.

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NBA

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	4	0	1.000	—
Boston	2	2	.500	2
Philadelphia	2	2	.500	2
Brooklyn	1	2	.333	2½
New York	1	2	.333	2½

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	2	2	.500	—
Orlando	2	2	.500	—
Miami	1	2	.333	½
Atlanta	1	2	.333	½
Washington	1	2	.333	½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	3	0	1.000	—
Detroit	3	0	1.000	—
Indiana	2	1	.667	½
Cleveland	0	3	.000	3
Chicago	0	3	.000	3

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	3	0	1.000	—
Memphis	2	1	.667	1
San Antonio	2	1	.667	1
Dallas	2	1	.667	1
Houston	1	2	.333	2

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	4	0	1.000	—
Portland	2	1	.667	½
Minnesota	2	2	.500	2
Utah	2	2	.500	2
Oklahoma City	0	3	.000	3½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	3	1	.750	—
L.A. Clippers	2	2	.500	—
Phoenix	2	2	.500	—
Sacramento	1	3	.250	2
L.A. Lakers	1	3	.250	2½

Monday's games				
Orlando 93, Boston 96				
Toronto 127, Charlotte 106				
Milwaukee 124, New York 113				
Minnesota 101, Indiana 91				
Dallas 115, Chicago 109				
Memphis 92, Utah 84				
Washington 125, Portland 124, OT				
Golden State 123, Phoenix 103				
New Orleans 143, L.A. Lakers 142, OT				

Tuesday's games				
Detroit 133, Philadelphia 132, OT				
New Orleans 116, L.A. Clippers 109				
Denver 126, Sacramento 112				

Wednesday's games				
Brooklyn at Cleveland				
Dallas at Atlanta				
Minnesota at Toronto				
New York at Miami				
Charlotte at Chicago				
Utah at Houston				
Indiana at San Antonio				
Philadelphia at Milwaukee				
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix				
Memphis at Sacramento				
Washington at Golden State				

Thursday's games				
Cleveland at Detroit				
Toronto at Orlando				
Boston at Oklahoma City				
Denver at L.A. Lakers				

Friday's games				
Chicago at Charlotte				
Dallas at Toronto				
Golden State at New York				
Brooklyn at New Orleans				
L.A. Clippers at Houston				
Milwaukee at Minnesota				
Washington at Sacramento				

Tuesday

Nuggets 126, Kings 112				
SACRAMENTO — Shumpert 4-7 22 12, Cauley Stein 5-7 12 11, Bjelica 4-7 10 10, Fox 8-25 2-6, Hield 2-7 0-0 5, Jackson 7-11 0-0 0, Bagley III 8-11 1-3, 20, Lohmeier 9-0-0 0, Giles III 0-0 0-2, Ferrell 4-9 2-11, Mason 10-10 0-0 14, McLemore 2-3 0-2 6, DENVER — Craig 3-5 0-7 7, Millsap 6-10 2-2 15, Jokic 6-11 1-14, Murray 6-10 4-4 19, Harris 8-12 0-0 18, Hernandez 2-7 0-0 5, Plumlee 5-7 1-2 11, Lyles 5-12 2-12, Lydon 1-1 0-2, Welsh 0-0 0-0, Morris 4-12 2-21, Beasley 5-10 0-11, Akoon-Purcell 0-2 1-2, Totals 51-89 12-15 126, Sacramento 26 29 26 31 Kings 22 26 33 35 37 21-126				

Three-point goals—Sacramento 13-31 (Jackson 10-20, McLemore 2-3, Mason 2-4, Shumpert 2-5, Bagley III 1-1, Hield 1-3, Bjelica 1-3, Ferrell 1-5, Fox 0-1, Giles III 0-1), Denver 11-30 (Murray 3-6, Harris 2-4, Millsap 1-2, Jokic 1-2, Morris 1-2, Craig 1-3, Beasley 1-3, Hernandez 1-4, Akoon-Purcell 0-1, Lyles 0-3). Rebounds—Sacramento 39 (Bagley III 9), Denver 49 (Jokic 12). Assists—Sacramento 29 (Mason 7), Denver 31 (Morris 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 17, Denver 22. A—13,214 (13,520).

Pelicans 116, Clippers 109
L.A. CLIPPERS — Harris 8-16 8-9 26, Gallinari 6-15 7-7 24, Gortat 0-4 0-0 0, Beverley 5-10 1-3 12, Bradley 1-8 0-0 2, Harrell 5-6 2-2 15, Miah a Moute 2-4 1-2 5, Scott 1-1 0-0 2, Marjanovic 0-0 0-0 0, Gilgeous-Alexander 2-9 2-9 14, Williams 9-15 2-17, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 41-87 22-27 109.
NEW ORLEANS — Moore 6-15 0-0 14, Davis 11-21 10-15 34, Mirotic 7-18 4-5 18, Payton 7-11 5-7 20, Holiday 2-15 4-6 8, Miller 1-2 0-0 2, Hill 1-4 0-0 2, Randle 5-9 7-7 18, Clark 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 40-93 30-40 116.
Three-point goals—L.A. Clippers 5-20 (Harris 2-5, Gilgeous-Alexander 1-1, Beverley 1-3, Gallinari 1-4, Miah a Moute 0-2, Bradley 0-2, L.Williams 0-3), New Orleans 6-24 (Davis 2-3, Moore 2-5, Payton 1-1, Randle 1-2, Miller 0-1, Hill 0-1, Holiday 0-4, Mirotic 0-6). Fouled Out—Randle, Beasley—L.A. Clippers (Beverly 10).
New Orleans 48 (Davis 13), Assists—L.A. Clippers 18 (Beverly 8), New Orleans 22 (Holiday 9). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 26, New Orleans 24. Technicals—New Orleans coach Pelicans (Defensive three second). A—14,625 (16,867).

Pistons 133, 76ers 132 (OT)

PHILADELPHIA — Covington 6-11 1-2 16, Saric 5-16 2-3 14, Embiid 11-20 11-14 33, Fultz 6-9 0-0 13, Shamel 2-5 0-0 5, Muscala 2-3 0-0 5, A.Johnson 3-5 0-2 6, McCollum 5-8 0-0 10, Redick 9-21 6-7 30, Totals 49-98 20-38 132.
DETROIT — S.Johnson 0-5 0-0 0, Griffin 20-35 5-11 50, Drummond 6-20 2-4 14, Rajackson 7-14 6-6 23, Bullock 6-14 3-17, Pechulia 12-9 0-2, Smith 9-12 1-12, Gallaway 1-3 2-2 4, Kennard 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 51-108 19-27 133.
Philadelphia 28 36 26 12-32
Detroit 27 34 26 33 13-33
Three-point goals—Philadelphia 14-43 (Redick 6-15, Covington 3-4, Saric 2-11, Muscala 2-3, Fultz 1-2, Shamel 1-4, McConnell 0-1, Embiid 0-4), Detroit 12-33 (Griffin 5-10, Rajackson 3-6, Smith 2-3, Bullock 2-7, Kennard 0-1, Embiid 1-3, Drummond 0-2, Gallaway 0-2). Rebounds—Philadelphia 48 (Embiid 11), Detroit 46 (Drummond 16). Assists—Philadelphia 32 (McConnell), Detroit 22 (Griffin 6). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 24, Detroit 24. Technicals—Drummond 2. Ejected—Drummond, A—14,418 (20,461).



DAVID ZUBROWSKI/AP

Nuggets guard Monte Morris, left, looks to pass the ball as Kings guard Frank Mason III defends Tuesday in Denver.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Pistons forward Blake Griffin is fouled by 76ers forward Robert Covington as he makes the basket to tie the game in overtime Tuesday in Detroit. Griffin made the free throw and the Pistons won 133-132.

Roundup

Griffin scores 50 in OT win

Associated Press

DETROIT — Blake Griffin has heard the critics, but the veteran forward knows it'll take more nights like Tuesday to get where his team wants to go.

Griffin scored a career-high 50 points and had the game-winner after he was fouled on a driving layup with 1.8 seconds left as Detroit topped Philadelphia 133-132 in a wild overtime thriller.

Riddled with injuries during his last few years with the Los Angeles Clippers and then traded last season by his first pro team, Griffin has talked this offseason about proving something.

Point proven.
"The past two or three years, all I hear about is how bad I am," Griffin said. "It's a big win, but we've got to move on. This is game three and now we've got to move on to game four."

The Pistons are 3-0 for the first time since 2015-16, the last time they made the playoffs, after topping the 76ers, who were without Ben Simmons, nursing back tightness.

JJ Redick's four-point play with

5.6 seconds left in overtime set up Griffin's dramatics, while Joel Embiid, who had 33 points and 11 rebounds, missed a potential game-winner at the buzzer after working a two-man game with Redick.

"We were trying to bait the switch, you know maybe slip Joel to the rim, maybe step him out," 76ers coach Brett Brown said. "Joel had an open look and just wasn't able to knock it down."

Griffin faked a handoff on the final play and drove the lane for the basket, getting fouled by Robert Covington. He made the ensuing free throw.

"Out of all the great players I worked with, Dirk [Nowitzki], Kyle Lowry, Kevin Garnett, Shawn Kemp, all those guys, he's playing at that high a level right now," Pistons coach Dwane Casey said. "But again that is what we expect from Blake because he is that good of a player."

Griffin was 20-for-35 from the field, going 5-for-10 on three-pointers, scoring his most points as a member of the Pistons for the second straight game. He missed his first six free throws of the

game.
"It starts with like believing," Griffin said. "I saw a lot of times last year where guys were kind of like defeated. Everybody stayed positive, and that was huge."

Pelicans 116, Clippers 109: Anthony Davis highlighted a 34-point and 13-rebound performance with a clutch left-wing three with less than two minutes remaining, and host New Orleans remained unbeaten through three games.

New Orleans won for the first time when Nikola Mirotic struggled from three-point range, but it was 0-for-6 from deep, but still managed to score 18 points and grab 12 rebounds.

Nuggets 126, Kings 112: Jamal Murray scored 14 of his 19 points in the third quarter and Nikola Jokic had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead host Denver to a win over Sacramento.

The Nuggets have won their first four games for the first time since starting 5-0 in 2009-10. They swept their three-game homestand, including a win over Golden State on Sunday.

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Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson, left, scrambles away from the Jaguars' Dante Fowler as he looks for a receiver Sunday. Watson and the Texans have a quick turnaround to host Miami on Thursday.

Texans look to extend roll with quick prep for Miami

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have put their 0-3 start behind them, winning four straight games capped by Sunday's victory over the Jaguars to move into first place in the AFC South.

"We got a lot to prove," safety Tyrann Mathieu said. "Any time you win four games in a row you set a standard for yourself. I think it's a standard that we'll have to live up to, especially since it's a short week."

"Miami is a hot team, so we have big challenge coming Thursday. We have to get over this game. It was a big game and a big win, but we have to get over it quickly."

Coach Bill O'Brien knows that most people wrote his team off after its terrible start, but he insists he never doubted that he had a good team which could turn things around.

"I knew that the team had the resolve to be able to really take the cliché of one day at a time, one play at a time, really take that to heart and make it work," he said. "Those are cliché unless you actually make them work, and this is the type of team we have. We have a mentality tough team."

Quarterback Deshaun Watson agreed with his coach, but he wants to point out that they still have a lot of work to do.

"We were down and out, and

"We were down and out, and everybody was counting us out."

Deshaun Watson

Houston Texans quarterback

everybody was counting us out," Watson said. "The thing is we have guys on this team who understand that early on, it doesn't matter. We just put our heads down and kept working and now we have to continue to do the same thing."

Houston's first three wins in this streak were close games, with two of them coming in overtime. But on Sunday against the Jaguars, the Texans jumped out to a 20-0 lead and came away with a 20-7 win on a day they forced three turnovers.

Another key to Houston's win over Jacksonville was success in the red zone. After struggling in the area all season, the Texans scored a touchdown on two of their three inside the 20-yard line on Sunday to roll to the easy win.

Despite Watson's solid play in the win on Sunday, the Texans faced more questions about his health after it was revealed that he made the 800-mile trip from Houston to Jacksonville by bus because they were worried about how air pressure from flying would affect his bruised lung and injured ribs.

O'Brien wouldn't provide any more details on Monday about why he took the bus, but said that

he didn't expect his travel to be impacted by his injury in the future.

While Watson continues to grow into his position and hopefully become the franchise quarterback the Texans have long searched for, on Thursday they'll face the player they once thought would fill that role in Brock Osweiler.

Signed before this season to be Ryan Tannehill's backup, Osweiler will start his third straight game on Thursday night with Tannehill still out with a shoulder injury. It will be an interesting matchup considering Osweiler's history with the Texans. Houston signed him to a \$72 million contract before the 2016 season, but he was benched before the year was over and shipped to Cleveland before the next season.

Though he struggled during his time with the Texans, O'Brien has been impressed with his work in the past two weeks, where he's thrown for 619 yards with five touchdowns and two interceptions.

"They're doing a great job with him," O'Brien said. "Brook's a very talented player and he's a having a really good year right now for them. He's doing a real good job."

Leaders

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Quarterbacks	Att	Com	%	Yds	TD	Int
Ryan, ATL	267	167	62.3	2,115	23	6
Cousins, MIN	300	210	70.0	2,162	14	3
Goff, LA	218	152	69.7	2,130	14	5
Manning, NYG	268	185	69.0	2,061	7	4
A. Rodgers, GBY	254	156	61.4	1,997	12	1
Brees, NOR	220	170	77.3	1,870	13	3
Stafford, DET	213	144	67.6	1,602	12	5
Trubisky, CHI	211	139	65.9	1,594	13	6
Wentz, PHI	195	138	70.8	1,502	10	1
Newton, CAR	209	137	65.6	1,427	11	4

Rushers	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
Gurley, LA	144	686	4.8	29
E. Elliott, DAL	132	619	4.7	3
Barkeley, NYG	98	481	4.9	68
Breida, SNF	68	445	6.5	66
K. Johnson, DET	69	444	6.4	71
A. Peterson, WAS	101	438	4.3	0
McCaffrey, CAR	78	378	4.8	0
Carson, SEA	79	362	4.6	49
Carson, SEA	78	352	4.5	24
Dav. Johnson, ARI	106	335	3.2	21

Receivers	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Thielen, MIN	67	822	12.3	68
Ju. Jones, ATL	53	812	15.3	38
Beckham, NYG	53	649	12.2	51
Ertz, PHI	57	618	10.8	34
R. Woods, LA	41	602	14.7	36
M. Evans, TAM	40	591	14.8	31
M. Thomas, NOR	52	588	11.3	35
Cooks, LA	32	569	17.8	57
D. Adams, GBY	47	557	11.9	33
Kittie, SNF	32	527	16.5	82

Punters	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Johnston, PHI	32	1,591	68	49.7
A. Lee, ARI	42	2,031	61	48.4
Morehead, NOR	15	720	58	48.0
Dixon, NYG	30	1,424	60	47.5
Dickson, SEA	31	1,434	69	46.3
Scott, GBY	22	1,009	63	45.9
S. Martin, DET	20	913	61	45.6
O'Donnell, CHI	23	963	63	45.6
Palardy, CAR	25	1,138	59	45.7
Wile, MIN	34	1,537	70	45.2

Punt Returns	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Natson, LA	12	206	17.2	60
Cohen, CHI	13	163	12.5	42
D. Carter, PHI	2	103	51.5	0
Shelley, MIN	12	98	8.2	0
Kirk, ARI	10	78	7.8	0
Lockett, SEA	12	86	7.2	0
A. Humphries, TAM	10	61	6.1	16
Austin, DAL	10	58	5.8	22
Hardy, ATL	9	43	4.8	14

Kickoff returns	No	Yds	Avg	TD
D. Reed, SNF	11	332	30.2	90
Countess, NO	40	257	6.4	0
M. Hall, ATL	10	254	25.4	0
Lockett, SEA	8	182	22.8	42
D. Carter, PHI	2	193	96.5	30
B. Williams, ARI	8	192	24.0	19

Scoring Touchdowns	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Gurley, LA	14	11	0	0	84
Kamara, NOR	7	6	1	0	46
Barkeley, NYG	6	0	0	0	36
D. Adams, GBY	6	0	0	0	36
Dav. Johnson, ARI	6	5	1	0	36
Ridley, ATL	5	0	0	0	30
Kupp, LA	5	0	0	0	30
Austin, SEA	5	0	0	0	30
Thielen, MIN	5	0	0	0	30
Six tied with 24 points	0	0	0	0	24

Kicking	PT	FG	FG Pts
Matt Ryan, GBY	12-12	16-18	55
Prater, DET	12-12	16-18	55
Prater, DET	12-12	16-18	55
Lutz, NOR	16-16	13-13	49
Ross, NYG	16-16	13-13	49
Patton, CHI	16-16	13-13	49
Jak. Elliott, PHI	15-15	11-15	46
Hopkins, WAS	12-12	13-13	42
Bray, ATL	11-11	11-11	33
M. Murphy, BUF	10-10	9-9	37

Team statistics	Average per game
OFFENSE	
Tampa Bay	449.5
LA Rams	423.3
Green Bay	421.0
New Orleans	401.0
Atlanta	400.0
Chicago	380.7
Philadelphia	360.3
Minnesota	360.3
Arizona	360.3
Philadelphia	362.9
N.Y. Giants	360.4
Washington	362.9
Washington	373.3
Dallas	320.0
Arizona	220.7

DEFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
	313.7	96.3	217.4
	325.7	87.3	238.3
	326.7	120.7	206.0
	327.4	100.1	227.3
	328.3	116.5	211.8
	345.9	89.7	256.1
	350.0	87.5	262.5
	355.3	95.0	260.3
	355.4	85.7	269.7
	360.2	139.3	220.8
	366.0	72.3	293.7
	367.3	113.9	253.4
	370.6	105.0	265.6
	382.1	148.3	233.9
	417.5	90.0	327.5
	419.4	112.7	306.7

AFC

Quarterbacks	Att	Com	%	Yds	TD	Int
Malcolm, KC	303	187	61.7	2,067	11	4
Rodriguez, PIT	261	170	65.1	2,033	12	6
R. Rivers, LAC	261	170	65.1	2,033	12	6
Luck, IND	311	203	65.3	1,948	20	8
Watson, HOU	241	157	65.2	1,937	10	4
Brady, NE	250	170	68.0	1,876	16	7
Kaepernick, SF	254	161	63.4	1,846	8	8
Lynch, OAK	306	196	64.0	1,825	12	5
D. Carr, OAK	233	167	71.7	1,783	7	8

Rushers	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
M. Gordon, LAC	118	542	4.6	45
K. Hunt, KC	91	514	5.6	34
Crowell, NYJ	81	459	5.7	77
Conner, PIT	103	454	4.4	30
Lindsay, DEN	75	438	5.8	52
Michael, NE	95	422	4.4	34
C. Hyde, CLE	114	382	3.4	22
L. Miller, HOU	95	371	3.9	31

Receivers	No	Yds	Avg	TD
D. Hopkins, HOU	47	707	15.0	49
T. Hill, KC	41	635	15.5	78
A. Green, CIN	40	611	15.3	38
E. Sanders, DEN	48	603	12.6	64
Nelson, PIT	38	563	14.8	43
Smith-Schuster, PIT	42	561	13.4	67
Jo. Brown, BAL	32	511	15.9	42
K. Allen, LAC	41	506	12.3	25
J. Landry, CLE	40	482	12.0	49

Punters	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Koch, BAL	31	1,476	63	47.6
L. Edwards, NYJ	34	1,618	62	47.6
N. Allen, NE	23	1,062	46.2	47.2
Sanchez, IND	20	1,160	59	46.6
Bojorquez, BUF	40	1,834	46	45.6
Haack, MIN	36	1,638	65	45.5
C. M. Smith, CLE	27	1,261	46.7	44.7
Huber, CIN	27	1,201	44.5	44.0
M. King, DEN	20	856	42.8	44.0

Punt Returns	No	Yds	Avg	TD
A. Roberts, NYJ	9	162	18.0	71
Jak. Grant, MIA	9	162	18.0	71
D. Harris, OAK	8	121	15.1	49
D. King, LAC	12	167	13.9	56
Switzer, PIT	15	146	9.7	33
Peppers, CLE	15	146	9.7	33
T. White, BAL	18	146	8.1	27
Ervin, HOU	18	146	8.1	27

Kickoff returns	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Jennings, TEN	9	330	36.7	94
Patterson, NE	10	257	25.7	39
Jak. Grant, MIA	14	452	32.3	102
Erkisson, CIN	11	342	31.1	51
M. Murphy, BUF	10	253	25.3	36

Scoring Touchdowns	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
M. Gordon, LAC	9	5	4	0	54
K. Hunt, KC	9	5	4	0	54
Conner, PIT	7	7	0	0	42
J. White, NYJ	7	1	6	0	42
B. Brown, PIT	6	0	6	0	36
C. Collins, BAL	6	0	6	0	36
Crowell, NYJ	5	0	5	0	30
A. Green, CIN	5	0	5	0	30
H. Hyde, CLE	5	1	4	0	30
Yeldon, JAC	5	1	4	0	30

Kicking	PT	FG	FG Pts
Butker, KC	23-22	12-12	46
Myers, NYJ	23-22	12-12	46
Fairbairn, HOU	14-14	17-20	54
Gosinkowski, NE	25-25	13-14	54
Patton, CHI	16-16	13-13	49
Vintagalli, IND	17-19	12-14	54
Patton, CHI	16-16	13-13	49
McManus, DEN	18-18	11-11	53
Bullock, CHI	22-22	11-11	51

Team statistics	Average per game
OFFENSE	
Kansas City	437.4
Pittsburgh	427.4
LA Chargers	402.7
Baltimore	381.1
New England	381.1
Denver	376.1
Oakland	375.2
Houston	372.1
Cleveland	357.4
Cleveland	355.0
Cleveland	355.0
N.Y. Jets	329.4
Tennessee	280.9
Buffalo	234.0

DEFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
	280.6	90.1	190.4
	301.6	121.9	179.7
	320.9	110.7	210.1
	329.9	92.1	237.7
	338.7	112.3	226.4
	362.3	106.4	255.9
	371.7	105.7	266.0
	374.9	110.9	264.0
	378.0	148.1	229.9
	380.2	97.8	282.3
	389.9	114.0	275.9
	398.5	131.8	266.7
	405.3	136.7	268.6
	413.6	134.7	278.9
	429.4	128.7	300.7
	435.4	118.9	316.6

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Pack's Rodgers preparing for key stretch

Green Bay QB hoping knee heals with Rams, Patriots up next

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers hoped to return from the bye week without the brace that has protected his left knee since the second half of the opening game.

Instead, Rodgers was the only player not on the field Tuesday for the team's first practice of the week.

While his teammates began preparing for Sunday's matchup at the undefeated Los Angeles Rams, Rodgers continued to rehab the injury. That's how he's started every practice week since sustaining the injury during the second quarter against Chicago on Sept. 9.

"It's too early to tell," Rodgers said of playing without the brace. "I'd love to, but it's too early to tell at this point."

Rodgers has played well, despite the injury and reduced practice time. He enters this week's games ranked 10th in the NFL with a passer rating of 100.1. His 6.5 yards per carry is better than his career-high mark of 6.3 in 2014.

Still, he would like to be fully healthy as the Packers start a critical stretch to the season.

"If I'm completely healed, I don't need to wear a brace. Feel

more comfortable without it, obviously," Rodgers said. "Having dealt with a knee injury for much of my football life, obviously you're more protected. You see some guys who do wear it all the time without having issues, but I just feel more comfortable without having it on. So, if it's not, that means I'm feeling great and, if it is, that means I'm not quite all the way back."

Rodgers said he did not have another MRI during the bye to determine how much the knee has healed. Regardless, the break came at a good time for the team and for Rodgers, who has been dealing with other minor injuries. He's been sacked 19 times.

"It was a great week, nice and relaxing with everything we're dealing with," he said. "The knee is an issue but we have other bumps and bruises that aren't on the injury report because they're not significant enough. It helps, the week, healing those things up."

The Packers will need Rodgers at his best as he takes on the Rams. With Los Angeles ranking third in the NFL with 33.6 points per game, Rodgers knows he might have to win a shootout.

Doing so, however, will be difficult against a defense that ranks fourth with 18.3 points allowed per game. Behind Aaron Don-

ald's four sacks, the Rams had seven sacks in a rout of the 49ers last week.

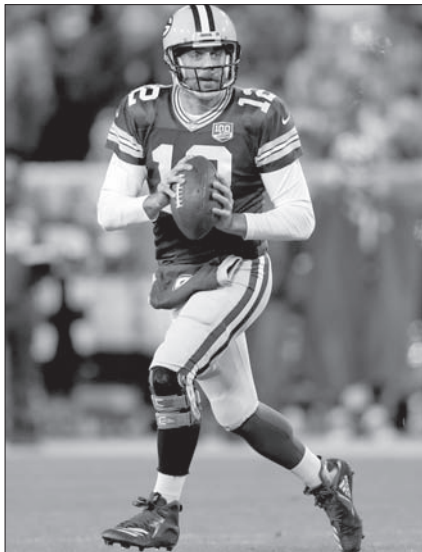
"You have that chip on your shoulder," receiver Davante Adams said. "Obviously, we understand why we would be underdogs based on the record and the play style and the way they've been playing."

"They've been playing some great ball in all three phases, really. So, I saw something where this is like the biggest underdog he's ever been point-wise. So, that kind of stuff fires guys like No. 12 up and I know it fires me up."

The challenge won't get any easier in succeeding weeks. Next, it's a trip to New England to face the Patriots. After a home game against Miami, it's back-to-back road games at Seattle and Minnesota. Those five teams are a combined 23-10-1.

For Green Bay (3-2-1), this could be a make-or-break stretch to its season.

"We're going to have to play a lot better than we have to win those games," Rodgers said. "This is an important stretch in our season. I'm not going to say it's going to define our season, but it's definitely going to shake things out when we get on the other side of this and get back home in six weeks on where we're at in the race and what we're playing for."



JEFF HAYNES/AP Images for Panini

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers hoped to return from the bye week not needing to wear a brace on his injured knee.

After bye, Steelers atop topsy-turvy AFC North

By WILL GRAVES

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers outside linebacker Bud Dupree spent a rare fall weekend off watching the rest of the AFC North falter, one by one. First, the Browns lost in overtime in Tampa. Then Baltimore fell at home to New Orleans when Justin Tucker missed the first extra point of his career. Then Cincinnati was bum rushed by Kansas City.

And just like that, the Steelers (3-2-1) were back atop the division.

"We never panicked," Dupree said. "We may have lost two games but we never panicked. We tied [but] we never panicked. We know what type of team we got."

One with a chance in a way to start over seven weeks into the season. Pittsburgh is well-rested heading into a visit from the Browns (2-4-1) on Sunday, a rematch of a 21-21 tie in Week 1 that felt an awful lot like a loss to the Steelers, who led by 14 going into the fourth quarter only to see it slip away. Another setback a week later at home to the Chiefs, the continuing melo-drama surrounding wide receiver Antonio Brown and the extended absence of All-Pro running back Le'Veon Bell had Pittsburgh teetering.

Not so much anymore. Brown is tied for the league lead in receiving touchdowns and while Bell's exact arrival date remains uncertain — his locker remained largely untouched on Monday while he continues to wait to sign his one-year franchise tender — the Steelers have survived thanks in large part to the rapid development of second-year back James Conner.



DON WRIGHT/AP

Steelers running back James Conner tries to escape the Falcons on Oct. 7. Amid the distractions, Pittsburgh is above where it expected to be in mid-October: chasing another AFC North title.

Bell told ESPN last month he planned to arrive before Cleveland visited Heinz Field. It still might happen, though it's hard to imagine him being anywhere close to game ready if he shows up before Sunday. Now the same teammates who called Bell out when he failed to arrive in time for the opener are taking a more pragmatic approach to his extended sabbatical.

Center Maurkice Pouncey laughed when asked if there was a betting pool among the Steelers on when exactly Bell will be in his

familiar spot just inside the team's locker-room door.

"No bets are out there trust me, we are not gambling here," Pouncey said.

Pouncey might not be, but Bell certainly is. He's already sacrificed over \$5.1 million of the \$14.5 million in guaranteed money he was expected to receive this season playing on the tag. Bell's plan remains a mystery to his teammates and the organization, one of the reasons Pouncey shrugged off questions about Bell's status.

"Honestly I'm enjoying the ride just like you guys," Pouncey said. "I want to see how it plays out. It seems pretty cool. I don't know. I'm going to wait and see."

The tension that accompanied Bell's decision to stay away has dissipated. If anything, the Steelers have moved on. That Bell didn't show up for work Monday hardly qualifies as news. Pittsburgh is more focused on trying to carry forward the momentum it built while beating Atlanta and Cincinnati before heading into its off week, a modest two-game winning streak that suddenly made the Steelers the hottest team in the unpredictable AFC North.

Not that they feel the worst is behind them.

"For us to focus on something that means completely nothing at this point in the season (like the standings) is worthless," defensive end Cam Heyward said. "I just think got to be a group on the hunt."

Even if technically Pittsburgh is now the hunted, just as it has been while winning the division each of the last two seasons. Then again, things could change quickly. The Steelers host the Browns, then visit Baltimore the following week. They don't play another division game until facing Cincinnati in the regular-season finale.

What the standings will look like then is anybody's guess. Then again, being in the driver's seat beats the alternative.

"We don't have to stand around looking at anybody else and wonder if a team is going to do this or that," Heyward said. "We play every team once again in our division. We control our destiny, that's the way you want it. But we got a lot of work to do to do that."

SPORTS BRIEFS/WORLD SERIES

Broncos cut QB Kelly
1 day after arrest

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Chad Kelly's short stint as the Denver Broncos' backup quarterback is over.

The Broncos waived the second-year pro Wednesday, a day after he was arrested on suspicion of criminal trespass.

General manager John Elway huddled with coach Vance Joseph and team President Joe Ellis and "we agreed that releasing Chad was the right thing to do," Elway said in a statement.

According to court records, a couple reported a stranger entered their home in the Denver suburbs after 1 a.m. Tuesday, sat down on their couch and was "mumbling incoherently." Police say they found the 24-year-old Kelly afterward parked nearby. The man identified Kelly as the intruder.

Source: Giants trade
DT Harrison to Lions

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants traded star defensive tackle Damon "Snacks" Harrison to the Detroit Lions, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The Giants will receive a fifth-round draft pick in 2019 for the stalwart in the middle of the defense, according to the person, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the deal has not been announced.

The trade is the second for the Giants (1-6) in less than 24 hours. New York sent cornerback Eli Apple to New Orleans for two picks on Tuesday.

Arbitrator denies Reid
grievance vs. Bengals

Eric Reid's grievance against the Cincinnati Bengals has been denied by an arbitrator, a decision that has irked the NFL Players Association.

The union says that arbitrator Shyam Das found that the team asking Reid during a free-agent visit if he planned to kneel during the national anthem violated fair hiring practices. The union argues that standing for the anthem is not required in the labor agreement with the league.

The grievance claimed that Reid wasn't signed by any team because of his anthem protests.

Kansas holding out
De Sousa amid review

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas forward Silvio De Sousa, whose name surfaced as part of the FBI investigation into corruption in college basketball, will be benched during games by the top-ranked Jayhawks pending a review of his eligibility.

Jayhawks coach Bill Self said in a statement Wednesday that the sophomore forward won't be held out beginning with Thursday night's exhibition game.

During the trial of former Adidas executive James Gatto, ex-AAU coach T.J. Gassnola testified that he facilitated payments to De Sousa's guardian in an attempt to steer him toward Kansas.

—Associated Press

Commentary

Over-managing costs LA in Game 1

By PAUL NEWBERY

Associated Press

Sometimes, in the pressure cooker of a World Series, a manager gets distracted by all those indecipherable charts and the trove of analytics he has at his fingertips.

Sometimes, he spends too much time flailing around in search of the perfect matchup instead of just watching what's occurring right before his eyes.

That's what happened to Dave Roberts of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In a classic case of over-managing, Roberts helped send his team to an 8-4 loss in Game 1 Tuesday night against the Boston Red Sox by making one move too many in the decisive seventh inning, setting up Eduardo Nunez's three-run homer.

The Dodgers were trailing only 5-4, despite another postseason flop by Clayton Kershaw, when Andrew Benintendi led off with his fourth hit of the game — a blooper down the left-field line that somehow managed to elude Joc Pederson before hopping into the stands for a fluky ground-rule double.

Roberts hustled to the mound to lift Julio Urias, summoning hard-throwing right-hander Pedro Baez from the bullpen.

Baez was left off the Dodgers' postseason roster a year ago, when Los Angeles made it all the way to Game 7 of the World Series before losing to Houston, but he's been a highly valued member of the relief corps in 2018.

He worked 55 games during the regular season, going 4-3 with a 2.88 ERA.

He threw a total of 6% scoreless innings during two playoff rounds, allowing just two hits while striking out 10.

Baez kept up his dominance against the Red Sox, striking out Mitch Moreland with three fastballs clocked at 96, 97 and 96 mph — the last one up in the eyes that Moreland flailed at helplessly. J.D. Martinez was wisely walked intentionally, setting up a possible double play, but Baez looked like he wouldn't



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts calls for a relief pitcher as starter Clayton Kershaw departs during the fifth inning of Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday in Boston.

need any help from the defense as he kept unleashing a torrent of wicked two- and four-seam fastballs.

Xander Bogaerts stared at one, missed another, fouled one off to merely delay the inevitable, and then struck out swinging on yet another 96-mph fastball.

At that point, Roberts merely had to let Baez finish the job.

Instead, the Dodgers skipper popped out of the dugout again, signaling to the bullpen for left-hander Alex Wood. With left-handed hitter Rafael Devers coming up, Roberts let the matchup game get the best of him.

Boston manager Alex Cora countered with a move of his own, sending up the well-traveled Nunez as a pinch-hitter.

Roberts deflected his hook of Baez.

"We talked about it with Petey throwing the ball well right there," the manager said. "But Devers is really good against the right hander. To get a guy off the bench in Nunez, I really liked Alex in that spot. I did. Whether

they were going to hit Devers with the lead or go to the bench, go with Nunez, I still liked Alex in that spot."

Undoubtedly, that's what it said on the card prepared by a bunch of guys sitting in front of a computer.

But baseball, a game that has always been rooted in numbers and statistics, still comes down to a gut feeling from time to time.

A human touch is required.

Some common sense goes a long way.

Wood delivered an 83-mph breaking ball that Nunez took low for a ball. Wood came back with roughly the same pitch, just a bit closer to the strike zone. Nunez was ready for it, launching a drive over the Green Monster for a three-run homer that essentially locked up the victory.

Roberts had no trouble with the pitch from Wood.

"It was a breaking ball back foot," the manager said. "Pretty much got it there. It was a ball. But he put a really good swing on it and kept it fair."

Defying the analytics, Cora went with a lefty-heavy lineup against Kershaw, including the 22-year-old Devers.

Nunez, who usually gets the call against the left-handers, had to settle for a bench role in Game 1.

"He probably was a little bit disappointed that he didn't start because he's started against every lefty," Cora said. "But I thought having him on the bench would pay off."

Boy, did it ever.

"I told him, 'Be ready, man. You might have big at-bat tonight. Do your thing,'" Cora related.

"And he did."

All Baez could do was watch from the dugout.

He should've still been on the mound.

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Dodgers' bullpen can't control bleeding

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

BOSTON — The first delivery from Ryan Madison was a changeup that bounced past catcher Austin Barnes for a wild pitch, allowing two baserunners to advance.

Things hardly got better from there for the previously dependable Dodgers bullpen.

Madison and three other relievers failed to slow Boston's bats on a night when ace Clayton Kershaw wasn't at his best, either, and Los Angeles fell to the Red Sox 8-4 in the World Series opener Tuesday.

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts has been able to count on his relievers this October: The group is 4-1 with a 1.30 ERA, limiting opponents to 180 average.

Against the AL champions at their chilly home park, though, that group went ice cold.

"You're going to have to go to the 'pen and play matchups, and that's kind of how I saw it, we saw it," Roberts said. "But they got the big hit when they needed it."

Kershaw was charged from a 3-3 game in the fifth after walking Mookie Betts and allowing a single to Andrew Benintendi.

Roberts gave the ball to Madison, a key piece when LA's bullpen covered 5% scoreless innings in a Game 7 victory over Milwaukee to close out the Championship Series. Roberts has leaned on Madison in the tightest spots this October. This was his eighth appearance this postseason, and he came into Tuesday

with just 16 runs allowed in 53½ postseason innings for his career.

All his experience, yet Madison choked that first changeup to let Betts and Benintendi advance, then finished off a four-pitch walk to Steve Pearce.

Madison recovered momentarily, striking out J.D. Martinez on three straight fastballs. But a groundout by Xander Bogaerts allowed Betts to score, and a sharp sign by Rafael Devers stretched Boston's edge to 5-3 before the inning ended.

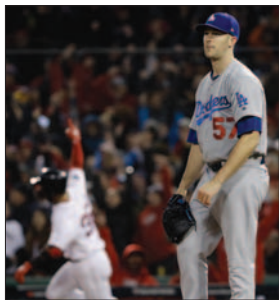
"Didn't anticipate the four-pitch walk," Roberts said. "But even with that, we have a grounder that we could've gotten out of the inning ... and Bogaerts just beat it out."

Julio Urias replaced Madison for the sixth and cruised through a 1-2-3 inning, but it all fell apart for Los Angeles in the seventh.

Urias allowed a leadoff ground-rule double to Benintendi — a blooper down the left-field line that bounced off Joc Pederson's glove before bouncing into the seats. Pedro Baez replaced Urias and struck out two around an intentional walk to Cruz.

Though Baez was cruising, Roberts handed the ball to Alex Wood, a move that prompted Boston manager Alex Cora to pinch hit right-handed hitting Eduardo Nunez for the lefty-hitting Devers.

That matchup united the Dodgers. Nunez took one knuckle curve for a ball, then drilled the next over the Green Monster.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Boston's Eduardo Nunez, left, reacts after hitting a three-run home run off Dodgers relief pitcher Alex Wood, right, during the seventh inning of Game 1 on Tuesday.

Roberts said he has no regrets pulling Baez. "We talked about it with Petey (Baez) throwing the ball well right there," Roberts said. "But Devers is really good against the right hander and to get a guy off the bench and Nunez. I really liked Alex in that spot."

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Scoreboard

World Series

(Best-of-seven, x-if necessary)
All games on **ESPN-SportsCenter**
Tuesday: Boston 8, Los Angeles 4
Wednesday: at Boston
Friday: Boston (TBD) at Los Angeles (Suehrle 6-5), 2 a.m. **Saturday CET:** 9 a.m. **Sunday:** at Los Angeles, 2 a.m. **Sunday CET:** 9 a.m. **Monday:** at Los Angeles, 2 a.m. **Monday CET:** 9 a.m. **Tuesday:** Oct. 30: at Boston, 2 a.m. **Wednesday CET:** 9 a.m. **Wednesday:** Oct. 31: at Boston, 2 a.m. **Thursday CET:** 9 a.m. **Thursday:** Oct. 31: at Boston, 2 a.m.

Tuesday Game 1

Red Sox 8, Dodgers 4

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Bolzler 2b	2	1	0	0	Betts rf	4	2	1	0
Muncy ph-1b	2	1	0	0	Brennndt lf	5	3	4	1
J.Tanner 3b	5	1	3	0	Buehrle p	2	1	0	0
Freese 1b	3	0	2	0	Melndad ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Grandall ph-c	0	0	0	0	J.Mrthn dh	3	2	2	1
M.Machdo as	3	0	1	3	Buehrle p	3	0	1	0
Clymer lf	2	0	0	0	Dewers 3b	2	0	1	0
Blinger ph-cf	0	0	0	0	E.Nunez ph-1b	1	1	1	1
M.Kemp dh	4	1	1	1	Kinsler 2b	4	0	0	0
K.Nunez ph-1b	2	0	0	0	Leon c	0	0	0	0
Puig rf	3	0	0	0	Brady cf	4	0	0	0
A.Barnes c	3	0	0	0					
Peterson ph-1b	2	0	0	0					
Total	34	4	8	4	Total	33	8	11	8
Los Angeles	011	010	100	4	Boston	201	020	30x	8

DP—Los Angeles 1, 10B—Los Angeles 7, Boston 6, 2B—Benintendi (1), J.Martinez (1), HR—Kemp (1), E.Nunez (1), SB—Betts (1), CS—J.Martinez (1), SF—M.Machado (1).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kershaw L-1	4	7	5	5	3	5
Ulnas	1	1	0	0	1	2
Baez	1	1	1	1	1	0
Wood	1/2	2	1	1	0	2
Boston	4	5	3	3	2	7
Barnes W-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kinsler	1	1	0	0	0	1
Brasler H-1	1/2	2	1	1	1	0
Rodriguez H-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Eovalde	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kimble	1	0	0	0	0	0

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November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible players who will be on free agency on Friday day after World Series.
November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 15th day after World Series.

Hit: Oddly shaped ballpark, cold weather make it tougher for Dodgers

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some outs out there," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "And it didn't make Clayton's job any easier."

The crowd and cold temperatures were no picnic for Los Angeles, either.

The oddly angled ballpark became an echo chamber even before the first pitch. Chants of "Beat LA!" began early, Kershaw got heckled with a sing-song sere-nade and Dodgers villain Manny Machado heard loud boos all evening.

Only one person wearing Dodger blue drew a cheer: Roberts, saluted in pregame introductions for the daring steal that turned the tide in Boston's 2004 playoff comeback against the Yankees.

"I think we had the advantage tonight with the weather and stuff. We've been playing through it," Red Sox pitcher Nathan Eovald said.

It was 53 degrees at first pitch and it dropped into the mid-40s by the end. That was the coldest game for Los Angeles this season and quite a contrast from first year's World Series, when it was a record 73 degrees for the opener at Dodger Stadium against

Red Sox leave lefties in lineup

Benintendi responds with three hits against Dodgers lefty Kershaw

By JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

BOSTON — Red Sox manager Alex Cora didn't want his lefties to feel left out.

Even as Los Angeles loaded its lineup with right-handed batters to face Boston lefty Chris Sale, Cora stayed with Andrew Benintendi and Rafael Devers against left-handed Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw in Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday night.

Benintendi responded with four hits — going 3-for-3 against the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner — and three runs. Devers drove in one of them to lead the Red Sox to an 8-4 victory in a blustery Series opener.

"We're facing a guy who's one of the best of all time. And a lot of guys didn't have a lot of experience off of him; the first time a lot of us have faced him. Didn't really know what to expect," Benintendi said. "We had a good game plan. We stuck to it."

Benintendi had one four-hit performance in the regular season but had never topped two in a postseason game during his career. The 24-year-old left fielder became just the second lefty ever to have three hits against Kershaw in a game.

"He hangs in there with lefties," Cora said. "We do feel that he's a good hitter against them. When he's using the whole field, he becomes very dangerous."

Benintendi had an RBI single and came around to score in the first, singled again in the third and singled a third time to chase Kershaw with nobody out in the fifth before scoring to give Boston a 5-3 lead.

In the seventh, Benintendi sliced a double



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Red Sox's Andrew Benintendi hits a single Tuesday during the third inning of Game 1 of the World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Boston. Benintendi finished 4-for-4.

that handcuffed charging left fielder Joc Pederson and scored on Eduardo Nunez's pinch-hit homer.

"He got lucky, too," Cora said. "Twice, probably."

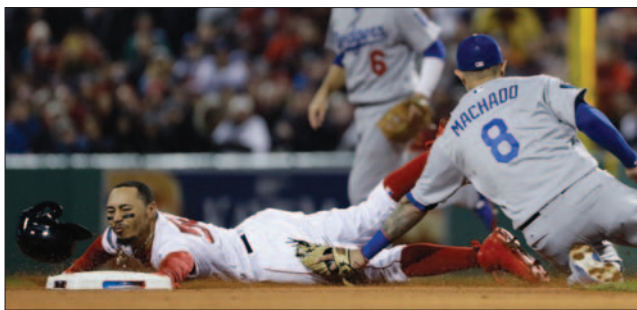
Although Kershaw is tough on everybody, he's not that much better against lefties (who have a .195 batting average against him over his career) than righties (.211). So Cora decided to stick with left-handed regulars Benintendi and Jackie Bradley Jr., as well as Devers, who has platooned with Nunez.

Leaving Nunez on the bench was a tough call for the manager, requiring a talk with

the 31-year-old third baseman who had never played in the World Series before and had started against every lefty in the playoffs so far.

"We felt Raffi was going to hang in there with Kershaw, and having (Nunez) on the bench, it was going to pay off," Cora said. "So keeping him in the dugout and out of the lineup was going to probably give us a chance to win the game. And it worked out."

"He was prepared. He wasn't upset, actually, that he wasn't playing. I told him, 'Be ready, man. You might have a big at-bat tonight and do your thing.' And he did."



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Red Sox's Mookie Betts, left, steals second as the Los Angeles Dodgers' Manny Machado applies the late tag during the first inning of Game 1 of the World Series in Boston.

Houston.

"We won Game 1 last year and lost the Series, so maybe we'll try it out this way. See if we can win one," Kershaw said.

Both teams rely heavily on analytics, and it showed: With each manager searching for the most beneficial matchup, the clubs

combined to use 12 pitchers and six pinch-hitters.

Benintendi scored three times for Boston, trying for its fourth championship in 15 seasons.

Matt Kemp homered and Justin Turner had three hits for the Dodgers, aiming for their first crown since 1988. Machado

drove in three runs, and his RBI grounder in the fifth inning made it 3-all.

Boston retook the lead in the bottom half when Xander Bogaerts hustled to beat out a potential inning-ending double play

— Dodgers reliever Ryan Madson seemed to celebrate a little

too early.

Rafael Devers followed with an RBI single, making it 5-3 and giving himself an early birthday present. He turned 22 at midnight, three minutes before the game ended.

Martinez, who led the majors with 130 RBIs, gave the crowd a scare when his foot slipped rounding second base on a run-scoring double in the third. He fell hard, but soon got up.

Steve Pearce, ruled safe at first on a replay review, scored from there on Martinez's double. The ball hit a metal garage-type grate on the far center-field wall and took a weird carom, giving Pearce extra time to score.

A garage-style grate, used for groundkeeping vehicles and such. What other park has that in place?

A day before this opener, Kershaw and most of the Dodgers pooh-poohed the prospect that Fenway would cause them trouble. Most of them had never played at the oldest ballpark in the majors, built in 1912, but said they were sure they'd be OK.

It didn't quite turn out that way in their first trip to Fenway since 2010.

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WORLD SERIES**HIT PARADE**

Red Sox come out swinging,
roll past Dodgers in Game 1

By BEN WALKER
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Fenway Fun-house proved too tricky, too cold and just too much for the beach boys.

Andrew Benintendi, J.D. Martinez and the Boston Red Sox came out swinging in the World Series opener, seizing every advantage in their quirky ballpark to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-4 on a chilly, windy Tuesday night.

Benintendi had four hits, Martinez drove in two early runs and pinch-hitter Eduardo Nunez golfed a three-run homer to seal it. The 108-win Red Sox got a solid effort from their bullpen after an expected duel between aces Chris Sale and Clayton Kershaw never developed.

From the get-go, old Fenway Park caused all sorts of problems for the Dodgers.

Mookie Betts led off for the Red Sox with a popup that twisted first baseman David Freese as

he tried to navigate the tight foul space near the stands and gauge the gusts. Lost, he overran the ball and it dropped behind him.

"You never really know," Benintendi said. "The flag will be blowing one way, and the wind is actually blowing the other. You have to be on your toes pretty much."

Given a second chance, Betts lined a single that set up a two-run first inning.

"It was important for us to score first and kind of put some pressure on them," he said.

In the seventh, newly inserted left fielder Joc Pederson looked hesitant as he chased Benintendi's soft fly, rushing toward the seats that jut out down the line. The ball ticked off his glove for a ground-rule double, and soon Nunez connected off Alex Wood to break open a 5-4 game.

"We didn't play the defense that we typically do. I thought we left

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DAVID J. PHILLIP, ABOVE, AND CHRALES KRUPA, RIGHT/AP

Above: The Red Sox's Eduardo Nunez reacts Tuesday after hitting a three-run home run during the seventh inning of Game 1 of the World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Boston.
Right: Boston starting pitcher Chris Sale struck out seven over four innings in a no decision.



Streaking Texans have quick turnaround

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